

How to Care for Your Floors

Many customers ask us about how to clean and maintain their beautiful floors. Here is a simple guide with general care tips.

Step 1: Prevent Your Floors From Becoming Dirty



Sweep the porch and walkways leading to the main entrances to your home. This will help minimize the dirt, rock and debris that gets tracked in.



Use clean doormats at your front, back and garage door entrances. These are often saturated with dirt and grease. Clean them regularly!



Don't wear shoes inside your home. House shoes are fine but keep your outside shoes outside!



Dust mop or sweep frequently. Dirt and grit on your floor is the number one cause of wear and tear to your floor's shine.

Step 2: Clean Wisely



Wet mop with less soap and more clean water. Cleaners can leave stickiness and an oily residue on your floor (which just attracts and traps dirt). If you do use a cleaner, make sure to go back over the entire floor with clean water. Also, change your mop water every 200 or so square feet. This will ensure you're not just spreading dirt across your floors!



Avoid cleaners promising a shiny finish. While shiny floors look nice in the immediate, these kinds of cleaners use wax or an alternative chemical that works like wax. When laid down on your floor, they seal in the dirt and grime. Over time, it will take a stripping agent to remove this build-up to get to the dirt and grime underneath.



Traditional mops vs. Swiffer-type and microfiber flat mops. These types of mops are great at sweeping and cleaning the surface of the floors. However, they tend to push dirt into the grout lines. Although traditional string cotton mops are more difficult to maneuver, they will do a better job cleaning the tile and grout.



Use a stone cleaner made for Travertine or Marble. These cleaners are pH-neutral and don't contain oily soaps. They will give a cleaner finish! Remember, these cleaners are designed for maintenance and prevention (i.e., before your floors get into the situation described above!). Used correctly, these types of cleaners can go a long way toward making sure your stone floors are clean and look beautiful, too!