



Natural stone products are porous by nature and require a different maintenance program than traditional ceramic tile. A premium penetrating sealer was applied to your natural stone during the installation process prior to grouting to prevent staining of the stone by the pigments in the grout.

### **Routine Cleaning**

Many of the cleaners acceptable for use on ceramic tile can stain, damage or dull stone. Natural stone should be cleaned with neutral pH cleaners that contain no acids. Acids, even a light solution of vinegar and water, will etch and eventually damage natural stone.

1. Sweep or vacuum to remove any dust or debris prior to cleaning.
2. Dampen surface with water.
3. Scrub with cleaner solution using either a cotton mop, cloth, sponge, or non-metallic brush.
4. Rinse with clean water to remove any cleaning solution residue.

Recommended products:

Aquamix Concentrated Stone & Tile Cleaner  
Aquamix Tile Plus More Antibacterial Cleaner

### **Grout Maintenance**

Grout is the material used to fill the spaces between the individual tiles. Grout comes in many colors. While color is important to the final finished look of the tile installation, it has little effect on the functionality of the grout.

### **Sealing**

Grout should be sealed after installation to prevent the penetration of moisture, simplify maintenance, and help prevent staining or discoloration. Only the grout needs to be sealed, as the stone was already sealed prior to grouting. Grout can be sealed forty-eight hours after installation.

There are different grades of penetrating/impregnating sealers, therefore the useful life and price will differ between a low quality and high quality sealer. Refer to the manufacturer warranty, technical & product information for specific details on product installation, useful life, and product applications (including any warnings) before use.

Recommended Products:

Aquamix Sealer's Choice Gold

### **Cleaning**

Grout needs to be cleaned on a periodic basis to remove any surface build-up. Routine grout cleaning can be done with a daily concentrated household cleaner. When heavy duty grout cleaning is required, you will need to use a professional strength cleaner that is capable of removing grease, soap scum, body oil, mildew stains, algae, and synthetic or acrylic waxes from the grout joints.

Recommended products:

Aquamix Concentrated Stone & Tile Cleaner (routine use)  
Aquamix Heavy-Duty Tile & Grout Cleaner (occasional use only)

Product information is available at: [http://www.aquamix.com/for\\_home\\_use/products/](http://www.aquamix.com/for_home_use/products/)