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TILE & STONE CARE GUIDE

Cleaning & Maintenance for Your New Floor

DAILY & ROUTINE CARE

- Sweep or dust mop daily with a soft microfiber mop.
- Damp mop weekly with warm water and a pH-neutral cleaner.
- Wring mop thoroughly — avoid standing water on grout.
- Rinse with clean water after mopping to prevent residue.

GROUT CARE

- Scrub grout with a soft brush and pH-neutral grout cleaner.
- Apply baking soda paste for deep cleaning, then rinse.
- Reseal grout every 1–2 years or when water stops beading.

STAIN REMOVAL

- Blot spills immediately — never wipe or spread.
- **A few drops of dish soap in warm water, rinse well.**
Oil/grease:
- **pH-neutral cleaner; diluted hydrogen peroxide on light stone.** Coffee/food:
- **Use a rust remover made for natural stone — not bleach.** Rust:
- **Blot with isopropyl alcohol, then clean with stone cleaner.** Ink:

SEALING NATURAL STONE

- Seal new natural stone before use and after deep cleaning.
- Reseal every 1–3 years depending on traffic.
- Porcelain and ceramic tile generally do not require sealing.

WHAT TO AVOID

- Vinegar, lemon juice, or acidic cleaners — etch and dull stone permanently.
- Bleach, ammonia, or general household cleaners on natural stone.
- Steam mops on natural stone — heat damages sealer and surface.
- Abrasive scrubbers, steel wool, or dragging heavy furniture.

✓ **TIP:** Always use a pH-neutral cleaner. Test sealer yearly — drop water on grout; if it soaks in, it's time to reseal.

⚠ **AVOID:** Never use vinegar, bleach, or acidic cleaners on natural stone — they permanently etch and dull the surface.

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