

# General Maintenance Guide for Stone and Tile Sealers

Maintaining stone and tiled flooring with a sealer involves regular cleaning and some specific care to ensure the sealer's effectiveness and the stone's longevity.

## Daily or Regular Cleaning

- Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to remove loose dirt and debris, which can scratch the stone's surface.
- Mop the floor with a pH-neutral stone cleaner or a mixture of warm water and a few drops of mild dish soap. Avoid using acidic or abrasive cleaners, as they can damage the sealer and the stone.

## Periodic Deep Cleaning

- Every few weeks or as needed, perform a deeper cleaning to remove dirt and grime that may have built up. Use a stone-specific deep cleaner that is compatible with your stone type.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the cleaner, and rinse the floor thoroughly to remove any residue.

## Stain Management

- Immediately clean up any spills, especially acidic or staining substances like red wine, vinegar, or citrus juices. These can penetrate the stone and stain it if not removed promptly.

## Avoid Harsh Treatments

- Avoid using harsh cleaning tools such as steel wool or abrasive brushes, as they can scratch the stone and remove the sealer.

## Sealer Inspection

- Periodically check the condition of the penetrating sealer. Pour a few drops of water onto the stone surface. If the water beads up and doesn't absorb into the stone, the sealer is still effective. If it soaks into the stone, it's time to reseal.

## Resealing

- The frequency of resealing depends on the type of stone, the sealer used, and the level of foot traffic. In general, most stone floors may need resealing every 1 to 5 years.
- To reseal the floor, first clean it thoroughly and make sure it's completely dry. Follow the instructions on our technical datasheet for the specific sealer you're using.
- Apply the sealer evenly using a clean, lint-free cloth, paint roller, or a brush. Allow it to dry as per our recommendations, and apply a second coat if necessary.