



## Ceramic Tile Care and Maintenance

- You should allow at least 72 hours after installation of your new ceramic tile or stone before any maintenance occurs.
- Cleaning your new floor with a damp mop once a week is the best thing you can do to maintain your ceramic floor; heavy traffic areas should be mopped more often than once a week.
- Sweeping or vacuuming of your tile floor before mopping will remove excess debris.
- When deep cleaning you may use an all purpose non oil base household or commercial cleanser. Remember to look at the label to assure it is suitable for cleaning grout.
- You can also use a cleaning solution of 1 cup of white vinegar to 2 gallons of warm water.
- Never use a detergent or soap as it may dull the surface and may promote the growth of mildew.
- When cleaning, the entire area should be scrubbed with the cleansing solution using a white cotton mop. The floor use then is rinsed with clean water to remove any excess residue from the cleansing solution.
- Always remember cleaners should never contain ammonia, chlorines, or acids as these chemicals can damage or discolor the grout or surfaces of the ceramic or stone.

## Protecting Your Ceramic

- Protect your tile by attaching felt pads to the legs of any metal, wood, or plastic furniture that could scratch/dull the tiles surface.
- A high quality entry mat will assist in protecting your tile by collecting debris that may otherwise be tracked onto your floor. Mats can also be placed in heavier trafficked or pivot locations such as in front of the stove or kitchen sink.