



Cleaning & Sealing Marble & Slate Care Guide

Proper cleaning and maintenance is the best way to ensure the beauty and longevity of your marble & slate.

A sealant enhances the natural color and provides a polished appearance to Natural Cleft Slate. The most widely-recommended sealant is readily available at your local hardware store.

Equipment needed: Linseed Oil, Tung Oil, or a similar product, a clean, dry cloth, and a sealant.

Instructions for sealing slate: Apply the oil to the stone with the clean cloth. One application will normally be sufficient. We don't recommend sealing slate until construction on the house is completed, because it will attract dust.

Sealing and Enhancing the Polish on Marble:

A good quality marble wax should be applied to minimize water spotting and prevent penetration of stains. A wax also enhances the natural color and provides a high polished sheen to the marble.

Equipment needed: Super Diamond Wax A clean, dry cloth 0000 Steel Wool

Instructions for polishing/waxing marble: Apply the Super Diamond Wax in a circular motion with the clean cloth and allow wax to form a light haze. Wipe off the wax with the steel wool and buff until a high polish occurs. Reapply wax if a higher sheen is desired. Do not allow wax to dry more than a few minutes as it will be difficult to remove.

Cleaning Marble:

Dust the stone surface with a clean cloth and then use only a mild liquid detergent like Dove with warm water on a soft damp cloth. Rinse the surface thoroughly with clean water and dry with a soft cloth. Once cleaned, you may apply a polish recommended for marble surfaces.

Additional Do's & Don'ts:

- Do blot up spills immediately to prevent staining, particularly red wines, juices or soft drinks.
- Do use 0000 steel wool and mild soap to remove dirt from crevices. An S.O.S. pad can also be used but may lightly scratch black marble.

- Don't use products that contain vinegar, lemon juice, ammonia, alcohol, or cleaners that contain acids such as bathroom cleaners, grout cleaners, tub and tile cleaners, Windex, or abrasive cleaners like Soft Scrub.
- Don't mix bleach and ammonia as this combination creates a toxic and lethal gas.