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Prior to performing and cleaning or maintenance, newly installed tile and grout should dry and cure for a minimum of 72 hours following installation.

GLAZED CERAMIC AND PORCELAIN

Sweeping and vacuuming tile floors will provide a simple and effective way to keep floors looking clean on a daily basis.

When a deeper cleaning is desired, routine, weekly cleaning is recommended. This routine cleaning should be performed with a damp cloth and/or mop depending on the tile location. Heavy traffic areas should be tended to and cleaned more than once a week.

Prior to mopping your tile a preliminary sweeping or vacuuming is suggested to remove any loose dust or debris.

Be sure to use a tile cleanser with a neutral pH. A neutral pH will ensure compatibility with grout and protect from staining.

Once the entire tile surface has been completely cleaned it should be rinsed thoroughly with warm or hot water to remove any residual cleanser left on the surface of the tile.

Strong detergents, abrasive cleaning agents or soap should not be used on tile surfaces as they might dull the finished surface of the tile and leave permanent damage.

UNGLAZED SURFACES

When cleaning unglazed surfaces, a cleanser with a neutral pH is required -- it is important to clean unglazed tile surfaces on a regular basis.

Cleaners should never contain harmful ingredients such as vinegar, chlorine, ammonia or acids. These ingredients can cause damage and discoloration to the physical tiles as well as grout.

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Grout Care

Whether a 100% epoxy grout, unsanded, or fine sanded grout is used, surface build-up and discoloration will still be evident over time.

Grout's subtle bonding nature makes it an ideal element and material to fill-in the spaces between individual tiles or stone, where it becomes a permanent essential element of the tile floor and walls.

Periodic cleaning of the grout is recommended with a neutral pH balanced cleanser.

On certain occasions deep-cleansing will be needed as residue and dirt build-up over time. In these instances, professional strength tile and grout cleaner is appropriate and will ensure removal of soap scum, grease, body oils, mildew, mold and staining.
