



## Tile Flooring Care and Maintenance

### Do:

- Use **floor protectors** and wide-load-bearing leg bases or rollers to minimize scratches and breaks in the tile from heavy objects. Never try to slide heavy objects across the floor, always use a dolly when moving heavy furniture and appliances.
- Cover furniture and table legs with protectors to prevent scratching
- Clean spills immediately. Tile flooring may look like it can easily handle spills, but it has porous properties that make leaving spills sitting around a big problem. Liquids can seep into the tile and cause discoloration and unpleasant odors.
- Sweep your tile floor regularly.
- Seal your tile and grout. Having a professional apply sealant to your tile and grout after cleaning can greatly extend the life of your flooring and leave it looking new every time it is cleaned.
- Deep clean throughout the year. It's smart to dust and mop your tile flooring on a daily or weekly basis. There are plenty of benefits to hiring a professional to professionally clean your floors a couple of times throughout the year. It saves you time and effort and ensures a proper and thorough clean.
- Do use soft cloths and sponges. Cleaning your tile and grout with soft materials will ensure you do not accidentally scratch or harm its smooth surface.
- Do properly ventilate the area. When you are cleaning tile and grout in a closed-off space using chemical solutions, always run fans or open windows, when possible, to avoid inhaling unhealthy amounts of strong chemicals.

### Don't:

- Use ammonia or bleach. These chemicals can destroy grouting between tiles and in the long-term cause tiles to break down and come apart.
- Use steel wool. This material will tarnish surfaces and upset the finishes on your tile flooring. Stay away from any abrasive cleaning supplies.
- Use colored cleaners. Tile has very tiny pores that can easily absorb color from cleaning solutions. Over time, this can discolor your tile and grout – always opt for clear solutions.
- Use excessive water. Flooding the tile flooring can cause water to seep into the porous surface and cause mold and mildew growth below the surface.
- Stress over a mess. If your tile flooring needs some major TLC – don't worry – professional tile and grout cleaners are readily available to you to assist with all of your cleaning needs.