



## Maintenance Guide - Porcelain Tile Flooring

One of the many benefits of Porcelain Tile flooring is that its extremely hard-wearing and easy to maintain. To keep your new tile flooring looking its best simply follow our easy guide on general cleaning and upkeep.

### Initial Clean After Installation

Once your new tiles have been laid, it is important to remove any grout residue left on the surface of your tiles. To do this, we recommend using a professional cement residue remover as this will help protect the appearance of your tiles.

### General Cleaning

To ensure your tiles stay looking like new, we would recommend investing in a good steam mop, especially if your tiles are laid in a kitchen where food and drink spillages are likely to occur. The steam sterilises germs whilst also helping to remove grime from the surface. Although most steam mops are solely water-based, you can use them with mild cleaning products or why not try adding a drop of vinegar for a more natural cleaning agent. If you don't have a steam mop then a PH neutral floor cleaner and a regular mop will also do the trick!

Remove dirt by sweeping or vacuuming, we would recommend doing this 2-3 times a week depending on your houses footfall. If you are choosing to vacuum then you need to ensure your vacuum cleaner model focuses on suction, has a soft brush roll, ample filtration and is easily manoeuvrable so it won't damage the tiles.

### Entrance Mats

Reduce the risk of slips and falls while also preventing unwanted soiling to your floor with the use of entrance mats. When properly serviced, entrance mats can effectively remove abrasive materials and reduce tracking in water from foot traffic to help keep your Tile flooring clean.

Avoid using entrance mats that have rubber or latex backing/edging as this may cause staining. Regular cleaning of your entrance mat and the area surrounding it is strongly advised.

### Grout Maintenance

Once your tile flooring is laid and dried, a grout sealer will help to further protect your grout from staining. If your tile flooring is laid in a bathroom then overtime the exposure to water can stain your grout and turn it darker in colour. Although a good grout cleaner and brush can help lift the stain, using a darker grout finish will show less stains and discolouration.

Baking soda is a good cleaning solution as it acts like a paste when mixed with water and can be brushed into the grouting for a deeper clean. Leave the paste on the grouting for 20 minutes, brush the paste into the grouting and then rinse thoroughly.

### Important To Note:

- Although our porcelain tiles are hardwearing and can hold upto 50,000 tonnes, we would advise taking care when moving furniture to avoid dropping anything heavy on your floor.
- When in contact with a puddle of water tile flooring can become slippery, please take care to ensure any spillages are wiped away.
- Ensure your porcelain tiles are fitted to the standard BS 5385-1.
- When handling loose tiles treat with care and caution as they are fragile and can break easily. However when laid correctly they are extremely hardwearing.