

Basic Tile Care Cleaning Glass Tile

Glass tiles are among the easiest surfaces to clean. Due to their impervious nature, glass is resistant to water, dirt, chemicals, oil, debris, and even germs and bacteria.

There are many cleaning solutions on the market today suitable for cleaning glass tile, but it is best to stick to a pH neutral cleaner or water with a mild soap solution to make sure that the grout is not damaged during cleaning. In most cases a standard glass or multi-surface cleaner applied with a cloth or paper towels will work well.

Cleaning regularly will increase the longevity of the application including the grout. Do not use any abrasive cleaners or scouring pads to clean glass as they may scratch the surface. Be sure to follow grout manufacturer's instructions on cleaning and sealing properly. The following instructions explain how to clean glass tile surfaces.

Cleaning Post Install-

Cleaning is a necessary step at the end of each job. The inappropriate or late removal of the residues may leave streaks that are difficult to remove at a later time. These streaks can form into a cement film on the glass that may scratch the surface if removed too late.

To remove cement film, grout haze, or installation related debris:

- 1. Using a clean sponge or terry cloth towel, wash the glass with a grout haze remover and apply the solution gently to the surface. Be sure to rinse the applicator frequently as not to scratch the glass with any debris that may stick to it.
- 2. Follow manufacturer's instructions closely regarding application and clean up.
- 3. Rinse glass thoroughly with water to ensure that the tile is free from detergents or residues. If needed, the operation can be repeated.

Standard Cleaning of Glass Products:

For glass tiles, use the following instructions for general cleaning:

- 1. Wipe loose dirt or grease from the surface. An untreated paper towel or cloth is recommended.
- 2. Wash the surface with a mild detergent, degreaser, or glass cleaning solution (do not use abrasive cleaners or abrasive applicators).
- 3. Rinse the tile thoroughly with clean water if a detergent is used.
- 4. Drying with a clean cloth or paper towel is recommended to increase the shine and to prevent water spots.

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