

General Cleaning and Maintenance of Porcelain

General maintenance and cleaning of large unit porcelain tile will vary depending on the surface texture, glaze application and soil load. General cleaning should be performed first by sweeping or vacuuming to remove loose soil or other surface contaminants, then lightly damp mopping with clean water.

Depending on the soil load, a more aggressive cleaning process may be required. This could include the use of a neutral cleaner or a general household cleaner, followed by a thorough rinsing. Please refer to the cleaning chart for suggested cleaners.

There are five steps that are critical and should always be remembered for the successful maintenance of porcelain.

1. All spills should be cleaned as quickly as possible.
2. Use only the recommended dilution of detergent. More is not always better; higher concentrations of detergent in the cleaning solution will only make it more difficult to rinse.
3. Allow the proper dwell (remain on the floor) time. The detergent solution must be given time to act on the soil load. Generally 5-10 minutes is sufficient.
4. Scrub with a nylon pad or bristle brush.
5. Rinse thoroughly with clean, clear water to remove the dirty detergent solution and emulsified soil. Rinsing is a critical step in the maintenance procedure. Remove the rinse water with a wet vacuum, dry mop or toweling. If dirty detergent solution is not removed and is allowed to dry on the surface, a coating will form which is very difficult to remove.