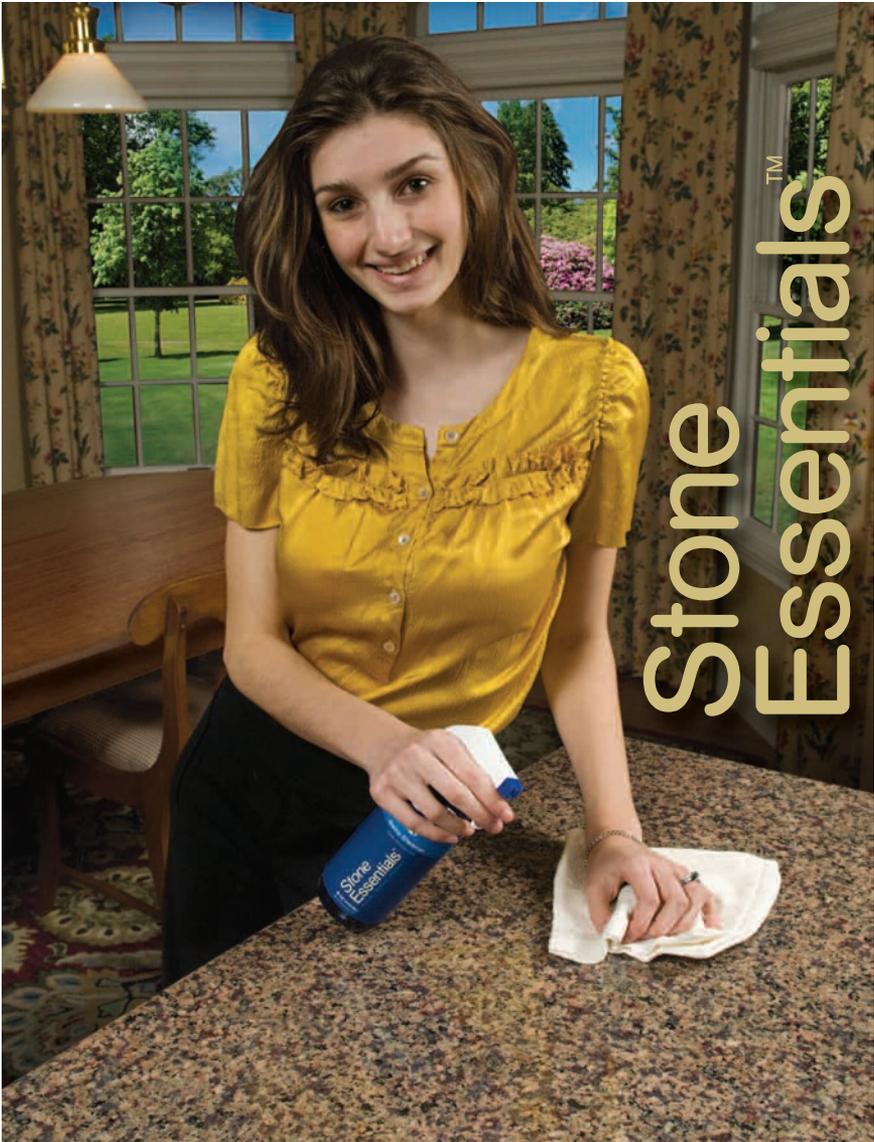




# Stone and Tile Care Guide

Everything you need to care for your stone.



Stone  
Essentials™



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Congratulations on your investment in natural stone. From the temples of ancient Greece and Rome, to the art of the Renaissance, to living spaces in today's finer homes, natural stone has been selected for its timeless beauty, enduring quality, and unique character.

At Stone Essentials™, stone is our passion, and we spend most of our waking moments thinking about its care. Our goal is to help you protect, restore, and maintain your natural stone so that you may enjoy its beauty and performance for years to come.

### **Protect your stone against stains**

Natural stone is a porous surface. It can have absorbent minerals and open capillary structures that are invisible to the eye. Both make your stone vulnerable to stains.

To guard against stains, Stone Essentials™ recommends that you seal your stone with *Stone Essentials™ Stone Sealer*. This impregnating sealer sits below the surface of your stone, where the absorbent minerals reside. It reacts with these minerals and makes them resistant to both water- and oil-based stains. And unlike a topical coating, our impregnating sealer leaves no shine. Your stone's surface retains its natural look.

*Stone Essentials™ Stone Sealer* employs fluorochemical technology to provide the best protection available. It is safe for food service areas. We recommend a single





application for most surfaces. For more absorbent stones, such as sandstone and some slates, we recommend two applications.

For unpolished stone – travertine, slate, sandstone, tumbled stone, etc. – you may want to seal and enhance the color at the same time. We recommend a single application of *Stone Essentials™ Enhance & Protect*. This will restore the stone's original vivid colors. For very absorbent stone, we recommend two applications.

### **Stone Essentials™ Stain Warranty**

If you are not completely satisfied with a product's performance, when used as directed, contact Stone Essentials™ Customer



Service for refund of purchase price or replacement of product upon return of unused portion with proof of purchase within one year of purchase. Determining suitability of product for any intended purpose shall be the sole responsibility of the user. THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING THOSE OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSE WHICH EXTEND BEYOND THE DESCRIPTION ON PRODUCT LABEL. STONE ESSENTIALS™ IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. ALWAYS TEST FIRST.

## Easy, everyday cleaning procedure for stone and tile

### COUNTERTOPS

1. Remove all decorations, fruit bowls, unattached appliances, etc.
2. Ensure surface is completely clean by sweeping away dirt and debris.
3. Spray on **Stone Essentials™ Daily Cleaner with Protector**, starting from the back splash or highest point and working down to the counter deck.
4. Allow cleaner to sit on the counter surface for two to three minutes and then clean, using a sponge or white nylon pad to remove any dried-on sugar or food products.
5. Wipe up all residual cleaner slurry and completely dry counter using a clean absorbent towel – no rinsing necessary.

FOR POLISHED STONE: After counter is completely dry, apply **Stone Essentials™ Countertop Polish** and buff with a clean, dry dusting cloth until counter displays a great shine. Repeat quarterly or as needed. **Stone Essentials™ Daily**

**Cleaner with Protector** is also great for cleaning lacquer cook tops and stainless steel sinks.

### FLOORS

1. Mask off floor electrical outlets, and protect areas that are not to be treated.
2. Vacuum, dust, or sweep away loose dirt and debris.
3. Lightly apply **Stone Essentials™ Daily Cleaner with Protector**
4. Using a flat cotton mop, clean and wipe the entire floor. No rinse necessary. Repeat as needed.

### BATH AND WET AREA WALLS

1. Lightly apply **Stone Essentials™ Daily Cleaner with Protector**. For ceramic and porcelain, use **Stone Essentials™ Heavy Duty Cleaner** or **Stone Essentials™ Stone and Tile Restore**.
2. Squeegee to prevent soap scum and hard water deposits.
3. For soap scum and hard water deposit buildup on ceramic or porcelain, use **Stone Essentials™ Heavy Duty Cleaner** or **Stone Essentials™ Stone & Tile Restore**.



## Cleaning up spills

Spills happen. No problem – Stone Essentials™ quality sealers protect your natural stone from stains.

### SOLID AND LIQUID FOOD SPILLS

1. As soon as possible, use a plastic spatula or putty knife to scoop up as much of the solid food as possible, and dispose of it.
2. Blot up any additional liquid residue.
3. Spray and wipe area with *Stone Essentials™ Daily Cleaner with Protector*.

### OILY SPILLS

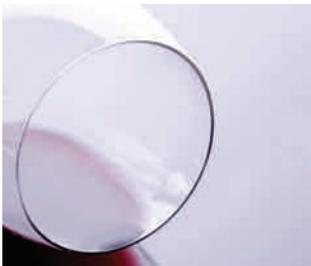
1. Blot up oily liquid spills with a clean, dry absorbent towel.
2. Spray the area with *Stone Essentials™ Daily Cleaner with Protector*.
3. Wipe up with a clean absorbent towel and rinse.
4. Repeat process if necessary. Deep-down oil stains may need to be professionally removed. Call Stone Essentials™ Customer Service at 1-866-786-6350.

### MUD AND DRIED DIRT

1. Let mud and wet dirt dry completely.
2. Remove dried mud using a plastic putty knife.
3. Spray the area with *Stone Essentials™ Daily Cleaner with Protector*.
4. Clean using a stiff nylon brush.
5. Wipe up with a clean absorbent towel and rinse.
6. Repeat process if necessary.

### GENERAL STAIN REMOVAL

Stain removal processes are different due to the wide range of staining elements. Please contact our Customer Service Department at 1-866-786-6350 for assistance.



# stone essentials do's and don'ts

## Rock-Solid Stone Care Tips

DO seal your natural stone with *Stone Essentials™ Stone Sealer* or *Stone Essentials™ Enhance & Protect*.

DO use *Stone Essentials™ Daily Cleaner with Protector* to routinely clean your natural stone. It reinforces your stone's stain defense with every cleaning. If you run out, use only clean, warm water.

DON'T use vinegar, bleach, abrasives, ammonia, window cleaners, dishwashing liquid, general use cleaners, alkaline-based cleaners, acidic cleaners, bathroom cleaners, tub and tile cleaners, or cleaners that claim to be for stone but are brands that do not have a track record of marketing stone-specific products.

DON'T push in liquid soils when wiping them from your stone surfaces.

DO blot up spills as soon as possible to eliminate or minimize staining and any compromise to your stone's beauty.

DO use a soft, white nylon pad to release dried-on soils.

DON'T use green or black nylon pads, steel wool, or other abrasive products.

DO vacuum, sweep, and wipe up loose dirt, debris, and dried food product prior to wetting with any liquid cleaners.

For floors, DO use a wet vacuuming system, flat mop, or string mop. Make sure water and mop are clean.

DO use protective trivets or mats under dishes, ceramics, pots, and glassware to avoid scratches.

DO use coasters under glasses and cups, especially if they contain alcohol or citrus juice.

DO use felt squares, pads, or sliders under chairs, tables, and all furniture or fixtures that can be slid across stone surfaces.

DO use non-slip walk-off mats or rugs in entries to trap and prevent sand, dry soils, and debris from coming in from outside.

DO use a squeegee to remove excess water from walls after showering to minimize mineral deposit, soap scum, and water mark build-up over time.



## **P** PROTECT

### Stone Sealer

*Solvent-based (SB) or Water-based (WB)*

Premium sealer/impregnator provides maximum stain protection for natural stone, tile, grout, and masonry surfaces while preserving the stone's natural appearance. Forms a vapor-permeable barrier that resists water- and oil-based stains. Water-based formulation is VOC-compliant.

### Exterior Stone Sealer

*Solvent-based (SB) or Water-based (WB)*

Premium heavy-duty exterior sealer provides protection for stone, tile, grout, and masonry surfaces while preserving the natural appearance of the stone. Forms a vapor-permeable barrier that resists water- and oil-based stains. Water-based formulation is VOC-compliant.

### Enhance & Protect

*Solvent-based (SB) or Water-based (WB)*

Premium color enhancer brings out the vibrancy of natural stone, unglazed tile, grout, and masonry surfaces without leaving a sheen. Forms a vapor-permeable barrier that protects against water- and oil-based stains. Water-based formulation is VOC-compliant.

### Quartz Surface Enhancer

Solvent-based color enhancer brings out the brilliance of quartz surfaces. Provides uniform color throughout while maximizing protection from spills, stains, and discolorations.

## **M** MAINTAIN

### Daily Cleaner with Protector

Easy-to-use everyday cleaner is VOC-compliant and safe for all stone, ceramic tile, and quartz surfaces. Reinforces your stone's stain defense with every cleaning. Excellent degreaser.

### Daily Commercial Cleaner *Concentrate*

Neutral-balanced, VOC-compliant maintenance cleaner for all stone, ceramic tile, and quartz surfaces. Economical concentrated formula designed for large commercial applications. Excellent degreaser, safe and easy to use.

### Countertop Polish

Easy-to-use aerosol foam polish provides a beautiful protective shine on all countertop surfaces while hiding light scratch and etch marks. Increases water repellency, minimizes water spotting, and eliminates heavy residues and fingerprints.

## **R** RESTORE

### Stone & Tile Restore

*Ready-to-use and Concentrate*

Acid-based, VOC-compliant restoration cleaner is formulated to restore ceramic and grout to their original beauty. Dissolves grout haze, efflorescence, and mineral soils. May also be used on slate, sandstone, and granite.

### Heavy Duty Cleaner

*Ready-to-use and Concentrate*

Alkaline-based, VOC-compliant restoration cleaner brings all stone, tile, and grout surfaces back to their original beauty. Powers through grease and oily soils, and cleans dirt and surface stains built up over time. Concentrated formula.





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## Stone Essentials™ Products

### Product

### Available Sizes

#### Protect

Stone Sealer Water-based (WB)  
Stone Sealer Solvent-based (SB)  
Exterior Stone Sealer Water-based (WB)  
Exterior Stone Sealer Solvent-based (SB)  
Enhance & Protect Water-based (WB)  
Enhance & Protect Solvent-based (SB)  
Quartz Surface Enhancer

16oz, Quart, Gallon, 5-Gallon, 55-Gallon  
Quart, Gallon, 5-Gallon, 55-Gallon  
Quart, Gallon, 5-Gallon, 55-Gallon  
Quart, Gallon, 5-Gallon, 55-Gallon  
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#### Maintain

Daily Cleaner with Protector  
Daily Commercial Cleaner (Conc.)  
Countertop Polish

Wipes, 16oz, Gallon, 5-Gallon  
Gallon, 5-Gallon, 55-Gallon  
16oz Aerosol

#### Restore

Heavy Duty Cleaner  
Heavy Duty Cleaner (Conc.)  
Stone & Tile Restore  
Stone & Tile Restore (Conc.)

16oz  
Quart, Gallon, 5-Gallon, 55-Gallon  
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Distributor Code

