SURFACE RENEW STONE & CONCRETE FLOOR POLISHING SYSTEMS

Marble & Other Stone Floor Maintenance Recommendations

Contrary to popular belief, many natural stone surfaces are not as durable as a homeowner or business owner may think. As with any other surface, maintenance is required to keep your flooring looking new and shiny. The wonderful thing about natural stone is that in most cases, <u>surfaces can be restored</u> to their original condition. A restoration along with periodic professional services will ensure that your natural stone can last a lifetime!

Basic Care and Maintenance Recommendations

Listed below are some basic Do's and Don'ts of how to maintain your marble surfaces to ensure longevity of your marble surfaces.

Marble surfaces are **softer** than ceramic tile or granite and will wear over time. The amount of maintenance your floors will require depends on your personal lifestyle and wear on the surfaces. The more traffic you have in your home or business, the more often you may require professional services.

<u>Do</u>

- **DUST MOP**: Dust mop regularly to keep debris off the floor. Debris under foot traffic begins a slow "sanding" process that leads to traffic patterns and wear spots over time.
- **USE MATS:** When possible, identify pivot points and place decorative mats or rugs in these areas. A pivot point is a high traffic area where one turns or approaches and stops and leaves again. Good examples are main entry ways into your business or the front of a main sales display.
- USE PROPER CLEANER: When wet mopping floors it is important to use a PH balanced cleaner (call us, we stock an excellent cleaner) that is designed for marble floors. Any products that are acidic will damage the surface of natural stone.
- WIPE UP SPILLS: Wipe up spills as soon as possible. Even low acid content products like Sprite and Coke can etch a surface if left standing. Our sealants aid in slowing this process but it does not prevent it from happening completely. Wipe up any spills with a damp rag or paper towels.

<u>Don't</u>

NEVER use harsh cleaners or chemicals such as bleach, vinegar, tilex, and many other popular brands on your marble floors. Most are extremely acidic and will etch your surfaces.

Should you determine that your floors are showing wear in various places it is time for a maintenance of the marble floor. It is recommended that periodic maintenance be performed to ensure the proper luster and shine to your floor surfaces. This will prevent future needs of "full" restoration which is more costly.

Surface Renew is always available to give you a No-Obligation Analysis of your current flooring maintenance and offer suggestions.

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