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## Tile Care and Maintenance

Ceramic and porcelain tile products for the most part, require minimal maintenance. Glazed and unglazed tile, under normal residential situations, can be cleaned using clear water with a tile cleaner recommended by the manufacturer. Always follow up with a rinse of clean water. Regular maintenance is recommended to avoid build-up of dirt, residue, grease, soap, detergents or other external contaminants.

Improper maintenance and improper cleaning products can result in a build-up on the surface causing the tile to be slippery. Wax cleaners and oil-based detergents may decrease the slip resistance and are not recommended for use on your ceramic tile.

For basic cleaning, the following procedures are recommended:

1. Sweep or vacuum surface
2. Mix water with tile and grout cleaner per manufacturer's instructions and apply to surface.
3. Allow solutions to sit for three to five minutes
4. Agitate with sponge or mop
5. Mop up solution
6. Rinse mop and change cleaning solution at least every 500 square feet
7. Rinse thoroughly with clean water
8. Dry mop floor to remove moisture or pick up residue with a wet-vac
9. Wipe the floor dry

For tile with coarse or abrasive type surfaces, maintenance will need to be performed more frequently. Agitation will need to be more vigorous and water changes more frequent. Proper cleaning of these types of tile is necessary for the slip resistance value to be maintained. Grease or water accumulation may create slippery conditions. Be careful to avoid introduction of grease from dirty mops to your floor surface while cleaning.