

Selecting & Applying Grout

Cleaning Grout

Routine grout cleaning can be done with a mild, pH neutral cleaning solution that is free of acid or bleach that will not affect existing sealers or coatings. For periodic deep cleaning of grout, a concentrated tile & grout cleaner can be used. Look for a cleaner that has non-polluting chemicals and low VOC levels. Ensure the cleaner is safe for use on your tile as well and capable of removing grease, soap scum, mildew and body oils. Always read and follow the instructions on the product label. Rinse the area with clear water and pat dry with a clean towel or sponge to remove any residue. Do not use acidic solutions / cleaners as part of a regular maintenance routine.

Grout Repairs

Regularly inspect tiles and grout joints for any damage that may occur overtime.

Have any damage professionally repaired / replaced.

If repairing the damage yourself, be sure to wear work gloves and eye protection.

To repair a grout joint, use a grout saw, mechanical rotary tool or a hand tool, such as a chisel, to remove the grout in the damaged area. You will need to work carefully and slowly to prevent damaging surrounding tiles and grout joints. Once the grout has been removed, ensure the joint is clear of any debris and wiped clean with a dry cloth. The joint can then be re-grouted. Take caution to match the replacement grout texture and color to the existing grout. Read and follow instructions on the product label. Ensure the grout has had enough time to cure before cleaning.

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Grout Application

After the installation of the tiles, the next step is to grout the joints (this would be done after an initial sealer application for stone tiles). Select the appropriate grout for your project taking into consideration the type of tile, the location of the application and the size of the grout joint. If re-grouting, be sure to completely remove all of the old grout compound. Ensure that the thinset mortar has had enough time to cure completely and that the grout joints are free of any dust or debris as this may prevent the grout from bonding effectively.

Mix the grout according to the manufacturer's instructions, mixing in workable batches to prevent the compound from drying before it can be used. Apply the grout to the joints using a trowel. Holding a grout float at a 45 degree angle pull the grout in a diagonal direction pressing it into the joint. If grouting floor tiles, it is recommended to start in the corner furthest from the door way and work your way toward the door (don't corner yourself into the room). Do not grout the corners and edges as these should be caulked once the grout has cured.

Allow the grout to start to set as per the manufacturer's instructions and then clean off any excess grout from the surface of the tiles by gently wiping with a sponge and clear water in a circular motion. Ensure the sponge is thoroughly rinsed in clear water between each pass. Gently run a damp sponge along the grout joints to ensure they are smooth. Using a dry cloth, buff the tiles to polish. Cover the new installation with brown paper (craft paper or a similar colorless, absorbent product) to protect it from dust or debris allowing for the grout to cure completely and protecting the new tiled surface until any other construction is completed.

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