



## **NATURAL STONE CARE**

*By following the manufacturer's recommendations on proper care and maintenance, you will enhance the life and performance of your natural stone. Consult your specific warranty for detailed cleaning and maintenance instructions.*

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

- **SWEEP OR VACUUM REGULARLY** - dirt and grit acts as an abrasive on your natural stone floor, causing its appearance to become dull and lifeless after time. Use a soft broom, dust mop or a soft vacuum attachment without a beater bar or sharp edges that could scratch your floor. Don't use vacuum cleaners or attachments that are worn. Vacuum at least once a week and dust mop or sweep in between vacuuming.
- **MOPPING** - follow the manufacturer's guidelines for mopping and use only recommended cleaning products and mops. Damp mop at least once a week, paying attention to high traffic areas, to reduce abrasion from dirt and grit.
- **GLAZED STONE** - use cleaning products approved by the manufacturer that are compatible with cleaning grout joints. Soap scum, hard water deposits and mildew on bathroom or shower natural stone products will take extra care to remove.
- **UNGLAZED STONE** - use cleaning products approved by the manufacturer to safely remove spills, grease and oil.
- **RINSE THOROUGHLY** - after using a cleaning product, make sure that the area is rinsed completely with clear water, so there is no residue left behind.
- **FLOOR MATS & PROTECTORS** - for extra protection, use good quality floor mats in high traffic areas, such as front and back doors, to collect the dirt and grit that could track into your home and abrade the surface of your natural stone. Mats are also useful in front of kitchen sinks and bathroom vanities to reduce wear. Protective pads on the base of furniture legs and heavy furnishings will reduce the risk of scratching when these items are moved.
- **REGULAR MAINTENANCE** - if your natural stone becomes chipped or damaged, make sure that it is looked after quickly, as further damage can occur and affect the integrity of the surface or floor. The damaged product should be removed and replaced. If your natural stone has become dull and lifeless after years of wear and tear, consider professional cleaning to revive its lustre.
- **PETS** - trim pets' claws to avoid excess scratches.