



Keep your tile floor looking like new
TILE CARE GUIDE

Regular cleaning will keep your tile floor looking its best.

There are many different types of tile – ceramic, porcelain, glass, stone, terra cotta... the list goes on and on. Luckily, the list of cleaning needs is fairly short. No matter what type of tile you have, the basic maintenance needs are the same and will extend the life of your floor.



Don't use cleaning products unless recommended in your warranty.

Your warranty may also require specific care for the grout and sealant. Contact Kermans for full warranty information. Kermans.com/Warranty



Wipe up spills as soon as they happen.

Tile may seem like it is stain-proof, but some spills can stain even the toughest floor. Grout, in particular, is susceptible to staining. Your best option is to have clean white towels on hand to wipe up spills as soon as they happen.



Dust or sweep often.

Sweep or vacuum your glazed tile floors regularly to keep them from getting dull. Tiles may be resistant to dirt, but sand and grit can dull glazed surfaces.



Damp mop your floor weekly

Clean tile with mild detergent and clean water, using a rag or chamois-type mop rather than a sponge mop. The latter pushes dirty water into grout lines and makes them harder to clean. Be sure to change the water frequently while mopping; dirty water equals a cloudy floor.



Re-apply sealant as recommended.

Follow your manufacturer's warranty regarding tile and grout sealing needs. Sealants help with stain resistance and protect the surface of your tile from scratches.



Grout cleaning tips

The most common question regarding tile cleaning is how to keep the grout clean. Grout does more than just hold your tile floor together, it affects the overall appearance and cleanliness of your floor.

It is important to use a cleaning product specifically designed for grout and tile so you do not bleach or stain your floor. We recommend using an alkaline-based cleaning product so that you do not harm the plaster. If you have stubborn stains, use a nylon brush to remove the dirt. Always rinse thoroughly after cleaning. Kermans recommends a concentrated tile and grout cleaner available in our showroom.

Common tile cleaning issues

My mop or cloth has left streaks on my floor.

Rinse the floor with clean water. Then, using a clean, lint-free cloth, dry the floor - wringing out the cloth often so you are able to thoroughly dry the floor. To prevent the streaks from happening the next time you clean, make sure you remove all traces of dust and dirt before mopping. Use a vacuum cleaner with a tile attachment or a dust mop to clean the floor before mopping.

It seems like my floor gets dirty immediately after mopping.

If your floor is not completely dry before walking on it, dirt can easily set into wet areas becoming a hard-to-remove grime.

Can my tile floor get scratched?

While it's true that tile floors are waterproof and very durable, they can show signs of wear and tear if dirt, mud, and small stones are tracked over them. Put doormats inside and outside your doors to help keep the dirt on the mat and off your floor. Ask people to remove their shoes at the door also to keep them from bringing the outdoors onto your floor.

The grout on my floor is dirty and never seems to get clean when I mop.

Dirt does tend to accumulate in grout turning it black and preventing you from truly getting your floor clean. Floor grout must be cleaned on its own separate from your regular mopping routine. Use a nylon brush and specially formulated cleaner to remove dirt. Rinse thoroughly to complete.

