



# Tile Care & Maintenance Industry Guidelines



**The Floor Trader of Tacoma has put together this information as a consumer guide to general guidelines provided by most manufacturers.**

The ease of maintenance is one reason homeowners choose tile. Tile typically does not require harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaning. However, like any surface, tile will need to be maintained to perform.

Please, see below for some general guidelines:

1. Make sure to remove any loose dirt and debris using a vacuum cleaner
2. Clean only at arm's length. This means that you clean as you go as opposed to spreading the cleaning solution and letting it set
3. Apply the cleaning solution with hot water to the floors surface. Avoid any oil based and acidic cleaners.
  - Solution Option 1 : 1/4th cup vinegar with 2 Gallons of water
  - Solution Option 2 : All purpose household cleaner
  - Solution Option 3 : Miracle Sealant Porcelain and Ceramic Tile Cleaner
4. Scrub the surface to remove the stain or dirt
5. Ensure the surface is free of any cleaners and dry before you finish

Note:

When using an inferior cementitious grout, sealing is required. Some polished tile will require the surface to be sealed due to micro pours being exposed during the polishing process. Please confirm your sealant type at point of purchase.

## **Grout Haze Prevention**

No one wants to install gorgeous tile or glass only to damage the look with a hazy grout film over the top. The following videos will ensure your tile and glass look just as perfect as you had envisioned. We prefer to use [Laticrete](#) and [Custom](#) grout cleaning products.

## **Grout Haze Removal**

If your grouting project does not go as planned and you are left with a hazy film on top of your tile or glass, follow the recommendations of the manufacturer to make your project pristine.