

## CERAMIC TILE CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Ceramic Products, for the most part, require minimal maintenance. Glazed and unglazed tile, under normal situations, can be cleaned using water with a tile cleaner. ALWAYS follow up cleaning with a rinse of clean water. Regular maintenance is recommended to avoid buildup of dirt, residue, grease, soap, detergents or other external contaminations. DO NOT use “acid based” cleaning products. For all floor cleaning operations, follow these basic procedures: Sweep or vacuum surface. Mix water with tile and grout cleaner per manufacturer’s instructions and apply to surface. Allow solution to sit for three to five minutes. Agitate with sponge or mop. Mop up solution. Rinse mop and change cleaning solution. Rinse thoroughly with water, changing water often. Dry mop floor to remove moisture or pick up residue with a wet-vac. Wipe floor dry.

Maintenance will need to be performed as deemed necessary. The more traffic, the more often the floor will need to be cleaned. For tile with coarse or abrasive type surfaces, maintenance will need to be performed more often. Proper and consistent cleaning of ceramic 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 while cleaning. Ferrante Upholstering and Carpeting does carry a full line of cleaning products for your floor.