

natural slate care

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hi , have a natural slate 12x12 tile. it is only 4 months old and looks good, i want to stay ahead of problems, the shower walls have a stone sealer applied, what can i do to clean it....daily? monthly? without doing damage or removing the sealer? anything in a spray you recommend that will remove soap residue and prevent mildew? thank you

Dear Carl:

“the shower walls have a stone sealer applied”

That was not a good idea. Let's hope that nothing is going to happen because of that. In fact, “nothing happening” is the best that you can hope after applying a sealer to stone in a wet environment.

That duly said, ***The issue of what you'll be doing day in and day out to your stone is “as it should be intuitive” vastly more important than its sealing*** (if and when possible and/or advisable) and it's all too often neglected. As you can tell by reading many of this site's postings, you're not likely to get good information about routine care from your dealer or installer. Don't become another statistic! By logging into the Helpful Hints section of our website at: http://www.mbstone.com/HH_promo/helpful_hints.htm , you will be able to get the short version of our maintenance guidelines at no charge. The full version of it “a 7-page document considered by many as an industry benchmark” is available in pay-per-download format in our Educational Literature section at: <http://www.mbstone.com/literature/literature.htm> .

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Thank you

Ciao and good luck,

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