

Travertine marble stained with colored grout

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Dear Maurizio, Just had white travertine marble installed in my bathroom floor, the sanded grout we chose was dark in color and seems to have left stains on the tile, how can we get rid of those dark stains? Will they dry as days go by? Please help!!!

Dear Nora:

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but I'm afraid that if your travertine is actually stained (not a residue of grout film sitting on the surface of the tiles, but actual imbedded staining), it will turn out to be but impossible removing the stains. Well, technically, the removal of the stains shouldn't be much of a problem in itself. The real problem is the grout. If you poultice the stains out you may end up pulling the die of the grout inside the stone through the sides of the tiles. And that would be really some bad news.

I believe that by now you realized that unless you choose a lighter color, it is never a good idea to apply grout of a different color to natural stone tiles. L

You can try to remove the stains while keeping your fingers crossed; you've got nothing to lose, anyway!

How?

When it comes to stain removal, either you buy one of those expensive "Professional kits" (that true professionals seldom use!) at a stone retailer near you, or you can spend less money and get our comprehensive guidelines on how to remove stains by using inexpensive and far more effective means that you may already have in your household! Such impressive piece of literature will also tell you how to tell stains apart from "stains", and what to do about the latter! It does carry a small price tag, and you can order it by logging on at: <http://www.mbstone.com/literature/literature.htm>. It's available in pay-per-download format and it's much cheaper than any kit on the market! Not to mention the little and much needed support you'd be giving to the cause "your cause" - since every single penny of the cost of the article will be used to support it.

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Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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