

slate tile in shower walls falling apart

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how can i clean all the soap and calcium and mildew deposits without damaging the slate? i notice that there is some deterioration at the bottom section of the walls and the slate keeps peeling off. i would like to seal it very good what should i do?

Dear Rosario:

â€œi would like to seal it very good â€•

And with what?... And why?...

With all the water that you have behind and under those tiles that already caused your slate to effloresce (â€œlimeâ€• and â€œsoap scumâ€•), develop mildew and mold and spall (peeling off) so badly (translation: your stone is rotten through and through and the damage that you see at the surface is nothing compared with what's underneath it) now you want to seal it in?!?...

I already know that you will probably go all over the place hoping that I'm wrong; and you will probably spend time and money trying this and trying that.

But mark my words: it's jackhammer time! And the sooner you do that, the better it will be for your sanity and your wallet.

And do not ever install slate again in a shower stall, unless you know that the particular slate you have in mind is appropriate for installation in a wet environment (which are very and far between samples), and that is installed right.

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Ciao and good luck,

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