

# Travertine Tiles Patio

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I am installing Travertine Tiles on my patio. I have a few questions. How do I get the white powder off the tiles? Do I seal it or not seal it? Do I use unsanded or sanded grout in my 1/8" space between the tiles? If I do seal it, what do I use to clean it before its sealed? Can you use the color enhancer on outside Travertine? Thank you for you help.

Dear Pete:

What kind of travertine do you have in mind? Polished, honed and filled, tumble-finishedâ€?

And why do you have any white powder on the tiles now?

I don't think is a big deal and I will clean the tiles with plain water a couple of times. If it is only dust it will come off.

As for the sealing, as a good solid rule of thumb it is never a good idea to seal stone installed outdoor or in a wet environment.

Finally, the type of grout will be related to the type of finish of your stone.

Now remember, it's never too early to think about the proper maintenance of your stone. ***The issue of what you'll be doing day in and day out to your stone is â€“ as it should be intuitive â€“ 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](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 â€“ a 7-page document considered by many as an industry benchmark â€“ is available in pay-per-download format in our Educational Literature section at: <http://www.mbstone.com/literature/literature.htm> .

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Ciao and good luck,

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