

Marble Patio Table - good idea?

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Q.We are thinking about buying a marble patio table. I am concerned that it will be a maintenance nightmare to protect it from the Arizona sun, bird droppings and scratches (lots of dust/dirt. What steps would I need to take to maintain this table and would you advise this type of purchase in Arizona?

A.Hi Mrs Payne,

You didnt mention if your table was polished or honed.

A polished marble table will be harder to maintain due the acid sensitive nature of the stone.Acidic products such as bird droppings,wine,juice,acidic sauces ,salad dressings etc. will make maintenance difficult.Etch marks are the chemical reaction of the calcium in the stone neutralizing the acid.It will leave a dull mark on your table.The dust and dirt may leave fine scratches on the surface as well.

We make a product to remove light etch marks called mb-11.Its a great product but it has its limitations.(I think the bird droppings will just be too much as they can be very acidic).If the etches are too deep you will need a pro to remove them.

However you still have many options for material such as honed travertines that wont show the etching or fine scratches because it will have a matte finish.Unresined granites honed or polished should be an option because they can be acid and scratch resistant.Please note granites can cover a wide range of characteristics and you should enlist a stone experts help when selecting any stone.You can also consider concrete and soapstones as well.

The best advice however that I can give you is to find a fabricator with a good reputation and a passion for stone.

He or she will be able to answer all your questions and help you design the table of your dreams.you may be able to find one at www.stoneandtilepros.com

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