

Oil stain on unsealed outdoor slate

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Dear Maurizio: How can I remove several small oil/grease stains from an unsealed slate slab that is outdoors? The grease was used to lubricate a chain saw. The irregular shaped pieces of slate are maybe 2 ft by 1 ft and are in the dirt creating a flat surface. Thank you.

Dear Roberta:

Usually, if you give it enough time, a few hard rains and the good ol' sun will take care of those stains.

But if you **must** remove them, when it comes to stain removal, either you buy one of those expensive "Professional kits" (that no true professional ever uses!) 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.marblecleaning.org/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. Also, will you please read and e-sign our Statement of Purpose by logging on at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/purpose.htm>? By spreading the word about this valuable site among your friend & family and the stone trades' people you've been dealing with, you will be rendering everybody a valuable service!

Ciao and good luck,

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