## **Marble Tile Cleaning Question**

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I have marble tiles in my kitchen. It has been less than a year since it was installed. The installer sealed the tile but I now am having water stain that I can't get off. I have try using a stone clean that from home depot but I can get the stain to go away and I am getting more. Please help.

Dear Jane:

Applying an impregnator (a.k.a. sealer) to polished marble tiles in a shower stall only served the noble purpose of helping the maker of the sealer to send his kids through college. End of the perfomance and "protection". All the "water stains― you have on your stone are marks of corrosions (etchings) made by various acidic or other pH active liquids that became in contact with the surface of the stone, i.e.: some generic cleaning products, acidic shampoo, soap, etc.. There's no product on the marketplace – sealer or what-have-you – that could prevent such surface-damages from happening. You will need the services of a bona fide stone restoration contractor, who will have to hone and re-finish your stone.

After that, you will finally need the right kind of intellignece to take care of your stone. By logging into the Helpful Hints section of our website at: <a href="http://www.marblecleaning.org/helpful-hints.htm">http://www.marblecleaning.org/helpful-hints.htm</a>, you will be able to get the short version of our maintenance guidelines at no charge. The full version of it – a 7-page document considered by many as an industry benchmark – is available in pay- per-download format in our Educational Literature section at: <a href="http://www.marblecleaning.org/literature.htm">http://www.marblecleaning.org/literature.htm</a>.

And remember, every single penny of the cost of the literature will be used to support this site and its cause: **your** cause.

While you are in the "Helpful Hints― section, do spend some time reading all of the interesting FREE articles you'll find in there!

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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!

Thank you

Ciao and good luck,

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