

dark spots on limestone shower

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We had limestone installed in our shower several months ago. It was sealed prior to use. Now, I am noticing that the bottom portions of the stone at the base of the shower appear to be getting darker. How do I fix this?
Thanks, Ann

Dear Ann:

Ah, limestone in a shower stall! Ain't it beautiful?!... Not too smart, maybe, but beautiful nonetheless!

It sounds to me like you have water under your stall floor tiles. Check all the grout lines and see if some of it is missing or cracked. If so, considering that your stall is only a few months old, it can probably be rescued, providing that the installer did not set the tiles butt-jointed. (In such case, the image of a jack-hammer crosses my mind! L)

Do this:

- Στοπ υσινγ τηατ σηοωερ σταλλ εφφεχτιωε ιμμεδιατελψ.
- Ηαωε σομεονε οπεν αλλ τηε γρουτ λινεσ φορ ψου φρομ αππροξιματελψ 4ε φρομ τηε φλοορ δοων ανδ αλλ τηε γρουτ ιν τηε φλοορ. Μακε συρε τηατ τηεψ ρεμοωε αλλ τηε ηαρδ χρυστ στυκ το τηε εδγεσ οφ τηε τιλεσ ανδ αρουνδ τηε δραιν, ιφ ανψ.
- Στικ σινγλε σηεετσ οφ Βουντψ παπερ τοωελ ιν τηε γρουτ λινε, πυσηινγ τηεμ γεντλψ ασ δεεπ ασ ποσσιβλε. Βουντψ βρανδ ισ τηε βεστ. Τηε σεχονδ βεστ ισ ζιωα. Αλλ τηε ρεστ ισ γαρβαγε. Ψου ωιλλ προβαβλψ σεε ωατερ ωιχκινγ υπ τηρουγη τηε παπερ τοωελ ιν τηε λοωερ παρτσ οφ τηε σταλλ, εσπεχιαλλψ τηε φλοορ.
- Εωεν ιφ ανδ ωην τηε παπερ τοωελ δοεσ νοτ σεεμ το αβσορβ ανψητινγ, λεαωε ιτ τηερε φορ ατ λεαστ α χουπλε οφ ωεεκς. Α μοντη ορ σο ωουλδ βε βεστ. Κεεπ τηε δοορ οφ ψουρ σταλλ οπεν αλλ τηε τιμε.
- Ρε-γρουτ τηορουγηλψ.
- Λετ τηε γρουτ χυρε φορ α φεω δαψς.
- Ψου χαν νοω υσε ψουρ σηοωερ σταλλ αγαιν!

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 far 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 it from your dealer or installer. Don't become another statistic! By logging into the Helpful Hints section of our website at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/helpful-hints.htm> , 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: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/literature.htm> .

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Thank you

Ciao and good luck,

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