

# Sealing of a limestone floor

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I have a friend that selected new flooring for her residence--particularly the kitchen. She knew it was limestone (seagrass) but did not ask anyone about care of the flooring. Now she is being told that it cannot be sealed in such a way as to prevent spills from etching or staining it. Surely there is a sealer that will prevent staining. She is quite unhappy with the prospect of the floor always being stained--etched or spotted. We need help. Thanks.

Dear Jon:

Since you already know that nothing will prevent etching (â€œwater spottingâ€•) I will not go there.

As for the staining, the application of a good impregnating sealer like MB-4 will help a great deal. Just keep in mind that 100% sealing does not exist. Impregnating sealers only give you reaction time: the better the product in relation to the particular stone, the longer the reaction time. This translate into the idea that you can't let spills sit on stone forever and expect them not be absorbed because it was sealed.

Needless to say, what your friend will be using to daily care for her stone is paramount, too! 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 â€œ a 7-page document considered by many as an industry benchmark â€œ 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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