

Daily Travertine Maintenance

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Hi Maurizio: Can you recommend a travertine cleaner for weekly use? I like to clean my bathroom once a week, but since we have installed the travertine in our bathroom, I have not touched for fear of ruining the travertine or seal. I have heard using a mild detergent for cleaning is helpful. Can you recommend a cleaner to use? Also, I noticed some light grey/blackish color around the holes in our travertine that were filled with grout. Could this be mold? Thank you.

Dear Nicloe:

Amazing, isn't it? They conned you into the sealing ritual that with travertine in a bathroom you needed like a hole in your head, but "forgot" to give you any intelligence about the vastly more important issue of the routine maintenance! The total lack of professionalism displayed all too many times by all too many industry operators takes my breath away! Mild detergent, huh... Can you please define "mild detergent" for me? Did they ever tell you what a "mild detergent" is and where to find it?...

And now this:

"I noticed some light grey/blackish color around the holes in our travertine that were filled with grout. Could this be mold?"

It probably is and, most likely, you can thank the sealer for that: what can you expect from a stone into which some alien resin was uselessly pushed?... :-)

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Thank you

Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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