

# Black stains on white marble hearth

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I just purchased an 1887 building and have black stains on the white marble hearth. Any tips on cleaning it?

Dear Beth

First you clean the surface staining with a laundry brush and a heavy-duty stone cleaner like MB-2. If after that some of the staining remains it means that is imbedded deep into the stone and it has to be pulled out.

How?

When it comes to stain removal, either you buy one of those expensive "Professional kits" (that true professionals seldom use!) 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 "oilstains", 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.

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Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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