CARING FOR YOUR PEWABIC



Mary Chase Stratton, founder of Pewabic Pottery, recommended cleaning Pewabic tile by, "putting forty-five pounds of vegetable oil soap in a barrel of water and adding two gallons of pine oil." The following methods, however, are equally effective and considerably more practical.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TEST ON A SMALL AREA FIRST IN ALL SITUATIONS.

CLEANING TILE

- **STEP 1:** Wash the tile with water and an oil soap (ex. Murphy's).
- **STEP 2:** Oil the tile with a mixture of two parts raw linseed oil and one part turpentine. Apply a thin coat and wipe off areas where the oil pools.
- **STEP 3:** After three hours, check for any tacky or shiny areas on the tile. Stickiness will result if excess oil has not been wiped off.
- **STEP 4:** Wash and mop regularly with oil soap until another linseed oil/turpentine treatment is needed.

CLEANING IRIDESCENT & LUSTER TILE

Wash with plain water only.

CLEANING GROUT

Use 1:2 solution of ammonia and water.

HEAVY CLEANING

Use TC500 or other non-ammonia stripper and rinse well. These products may bleach grout. Test on a small area first.

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TILED TABLES

Iron furniture requires periodic care or it will rust. Indoors, oil the ironwork with any oil that dries to a hard finish. Outdoors, the table must be oiled more often, painted, or coated with a clear varnish.

To remove rust, rub with fine steel wool, then apply a protective coating of oil, paint, or varnish. Rust left unattended for a long time might mar the smooth finish permanently.

To protect grout outdoors, seal it annually by brushing on an acrylic grout sealer, available at most hardware stores.

Precautions should be taken with tables containing metallic luster tile to preserve their surfaces. Use only cleaners that are non-abrasive.

WINTER CARE

Garden items should be stored inside during winter months or covered securely and placed in a weather protected area.

DINNERWARE

All of Pewabic's mugs, cups, plates, and bowls are designed for everyday use. They are microwave and dishwasher save, however, washing by hands is always preferred. The glazes are safe for use with food. Some decorative luster glazed platters are not safe to use with food. These items will always be clearly marked "For Decorative Use Only."