

## **CLEANING & MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATIONS**

There are 2 types of cleaning recommendations:

### **1) POST INSTALL CLEANING**

To remove construction waste, specific products and procedures need to be used in order to clean and remove the product without causing damage.

First, remove loose waste from the area that needs to be cleaned by sweeping with a fine-bristled broom and then collecting with duster.

If there is any waste from construction that adhered to the surface, these would need to be removed carefully with a plastic spatula. A metal spatula can scratch the product.

If there are paint drops, use a soft cloth or towel moistened with thinner or turpentine to rub and remove the paint.

The following step would be to wash the surface with specific cleaning products for porcelain tile. Dilute the product of choice in water and use a broom to spread it over the entire surface. Let it act for a few minutes in order to loosen any adhered waste and then scrub with the broom using circular motion. Lastly, rinse all the waste with neutral soap and water. Remove excess water & soap with a mop and dry the surface with a clean rag or towel.

### **2) DAILY MAINTENANCE**

Everyday care for your tile involves some of the same steps. Start by removing loose dirt & waste by using a soft bristle broom. For washing, we recommend using 2 buckets, one containing water and mild soap and the other with water in order to wash & soak the mop so it's clean every time a different area is being cleaned. The water in this bucket should be renewed consistently while cleaning so waste is not being poured into the one with the soap solution. A few drops of alcohol can be added in the drying phase to help the process of any scented product to add freshness to the environment.

If the product has been installed on countertops or tables, any kind of cloth or rag can be moistened with a neutral detergent and dried with alcohol or glass cleaner for shine.

To avoid stains and maintain brightness, follow these tips:

- Never use highly acidic or alkaline cleaning products as they will chemically attack the surface.
- Do not use a rough sponge or abrasive cleaning products, especially on polished surfaces.
- Placing a carpet or mat at the entrance of any space can help contain dirt that may cause scratches.