

# CARE & CLEANING

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Hourwall is designed to for low maintenance and easy to use care instructions. Please follow the following information to handle issues concerning the maintenance and care of Hourwall.

### **Easy Cleaning**

Because of the closed cell high-density polyurethane formulation used, Hourwall products are easily cleaned with dry or lightly dampened cloth. Do not use a harsh brush or heavily moistened cloth as it could cause damage to the surface.

# Salt and De-Icing Chemicals

Hourwall products are not warranted against damage incurred from salt or other chemicals used to remove snow or ice. De-icing chemicals should not be used on areas immediately adjacent to Hourwall.

## Scuffing

All interior and exterior wall products are prone to scuffing. If scuff marks occur, they can be removed by cleaning as described above. If the scuff marks have caused damage, they can be repaired using Stone Finish caulking and/or touch-up paint.

## <u>Sealers</u>

Sealers are not typically needed on any Hourwall products. If you choose to use sealers to help prevent staining in applications prone to smoke, soot, dirt or water splashing sealer, make sure it is compatible with polyurethane and high-grade oxides (exterior paint). Sealers may darken the color of the stone, and usually add different degrees of shine as well.

# Natural Water

Hourwall is not affected by natural water that is not subject to potential damage from adverse freeze thaw. Water should be drained below susceptible materials prior to freezing temperatures. However, discoloration will likely occur if Hourwall is installed in an application that places it below water levels in which the water is chlorinated or chemically treated. This includes pool water, which typically contains acid. Hourwall may also be affected by exposure to extensive salt-water conditions.

Abrasion due to constant fast flowing water may also cause surface deterioration.

Hourwall should not be considered a waterproof material.