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## Porcelain & Ceramic Tile: Care and Maintenance

### After installation & cleanup

Protect the tile work and joints from construction dirt and abrasion with cardboard or craft paper. Place floor mats and exterior entryways. Keep extra tile from the original lot for possible future repairs. Tile work subjected to loads should be covered with plywood.

### Routine maintenance

Sweep clean or vacuum as required to remove sand and other abrasives that could scratch the finish. Wet clean with any pH-neutral detergent. Rinse with clean water, removing excess water. Clean up spills promptly to avoid slip-falls and make soil removal easier.

### Periodic maintenance

For maintenance of heavy traffic areas or food service areas, more aggressive alkaline cleaners will be required. Scrub with a floor machine equipped with an abrasive pad or stiff natural bristle brush. Pick up soiled cleaning solution with a wet vacuum. Rinse the floor with clean water or mild acidic cleaner to neutralize. Overuse of alkaline cleaners or failure to neutralize and wet vac will cause an alkaline film to develop, attracting more soil to the floor.

### Sealing

Sealing or waxing is not needed or recommended. If unusual soiling problems are anticipated, please contact us.

### Relax

No interior surfacing material surpasses ceramic tile (especially porcelain tile) in "ease of maintenance."  
Tile By Design carries a complete line of [cleaning and sealing products](#) for porcelain and ceramic tile from Fila USA.

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