

OUTDOOR TILE CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Routine cleaning and removal of dirt and debris is important to prevent build up and bonding to the surface of outdoor tiles. If any outdoor cleaning agents are used it is important to thoroughly rinse with water after cleaning.

Given the tiles are installed outdoors in the natural elements there is potential for staining to occur over time.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

- Use a broom to sweep any loose dirt and debris clean from the tiles. Discard dirt and debris away from tiles.
- Next, use a garden hose to spray the tiles, making sure to thoroughly wet. If the dirt is difficult to remove, a pressure washer with an appropriate nozzle may be used to remove the dirt.
- Apply an outdoor cleaning solution to the tiles and scrub the tiles with a brush. Always follow manufacturer's instructions on proper use of cleaning solution.
- Rinse off the tiles with the garden hose and let dry.
- If the tiles are not clean repeat the process until desired cleanness.

PREVENTING STAINS

- Clean outdoor tiles routinely by sweeping dirt and debris, along with using an outdoor cleaning solution and a brush, making sure to rinse thoroughly with water after cleaning.
- Avoid the use of abrasive cleaners or chemicals as they can damage the surface and promote future staining.
- If staining does occur, treat the area as soon as possible with a recommended outdoor stain remover, making sure to not scrub the area excessively as this could damage the surface of the tile.
- Protection areas from being walked on when the tiles are wet as this can cause staining and discoloration.

REMOVING STAINS

- Grass Stains: The use of hot water and brush can be used to remove grass stains by applying hot water to the stained area, then agitating with the brush to remove the staining. If the tiles do not come clean a pressure washer can be used to remove the grass stains. Follow up by rinsing the tiles off with water.
- Mud Stains: A pressure washer is the best method to remove any mud staining. Use the pressure washer with the appropriate nozzle to remove the staining. Follow up by rinsing the tiles off with water.
- Oil and Grease Stains: The use of a degreaser can be used to spot clean the oil or grease stains. Apply the degreaser per manufacturer's instructions to the stained area of the tile and sit for a few minutes, then scrub with a stiff brush. Follow up by rinsing the tiles off with water. If the area does not come clean repeat the process.
- Algae: Use an outdoor cleaning solution to remove the algae from the tile or by pressure washing. Start by removing any dirt and debris from the tiles, then applying an outdoor cleaning solution. Follow manufacturer's directions for outdoor cleaning solution. Follow up by rinsing the tiles off with water.