

# Tile Aftercare Checklist

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To help protect the performance and appearance of your porcelain tiles, use this practical aftercare checklist for regular cleaning, maintenance, and trade handover instructions.

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### Initial Cleaning (Post-Installation)

Ensure all grout haze, adhesive residue and construction dust are removed before normal use of tiles. This initial clean is only required where residual grout or builders' residue remains after installation:

- Use a manufacturer-approved cleaner suitable for porcelain / ceramic tiles (such as Lithofin KF Cement Residue Remover for grout haze removal, following the label directions)
  - Dilute cleaning products as directed on the technical datasheet or label.
  - On a test area, apply cleaner to dwell (do not allow it to dry).
  - Agitate with a soft white pad (or soft bristled brush for coarser tile finishes).
  - Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove all residue, repeating if necessary.
  - Where test area achieved desired effect, continue with the rest of the area.
  - Allow floors to fully dry before foot traffic or placing furniture.
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### Ongoing Cleaning & Maintenance

- Sweep or vacuum regularly to remove grit and debris that can cause scratching.
- Clean spills promptly to reduce staining risk and prevent slip hazards.
- Damp mop with a neutral or mildly alkaline cleaner (pH approx. 7–10) (Lithofin KF Vitra Clean for routine cleaning, diluted according to instructions)
- Rinse to prevent cleaner residue build-up.

For stubborn stains, contact Johnson Tiles for advice on a suitable cleaner and method.

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## Products to Avoid

- Avoid highly acidic cleaners (pH <3)
  - Avoid highly alkaline or caustic cleaners (pH >11–12) unless professionally directed.
  - Avoid abrasive powders, steel wool, or coloured scouring pads.
  - Avoid oil-based cleaners, waxes, or sealers unless specifically recommended.
  - Never mix chemicals.
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## Surface Protection

- Fit felt pads or protective glides to furniture legs to minimise scratching
  - Use entry mats to reduce dirt and grit.
  - Avoid dragging heavy furniture across tiled floors.
  - Use protective boards during renovations or trades work.
  - Clean outdoor tiles regularly to prevent organic build-up and slipping hazards.
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## Grout Care

- Clean grout regularly using a plastic or soft brush and appropriate cleaner.
  - Avoid harsh chemicals that may weaken grout or cause colour fading/darkening.
  - Rinse thoroughly after cleaning.
  - Monitor grout for cracking, erosion or staining.
  - Seal grout to protect and re-seal where required.
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## Chemical Use & Safety

- Always test cleaning products in an inconspicuous area first to check for any adverse effect on tiles or grout.
- Follow dilution instructions carefully.
- Wear appropriate PPE (such as gloves and eye protection) and ensure adequate ventilation when using stronger cleaners.
- Store chemicals safely out of reach of children.
- Follow manufacturer cleaning and maintenance recommendations to help maintain product warranties where applicable
- Contact Johnson Tiles, the product manufacturer, or your installer if you are unsure about cleaning products, application methods, or compatibility with your tile selection.

