

Post Care Instructions



Showers

- ◆ **Color sealed** showers must NOT be used for 5 days after completion of work.
- ◆ **Clear sealed** showers must NOT be used for 3 days after completion.
- ◆ **Micron coated** showers must NOT be used for 7 days after completion of work.
- ◆ To keep your shower looking as new as possible it is important that after each use you thoroughly squeegee the shower and make sure no water is left pooled on the floor surface. This will slow the growth of mold and mildew. With this type of proper care your shower will need minimal grout repair work and sealer upkeep on a yearly basis. In addition, the discontinued use of bar soap will drastically help to reduce soap scum and buildup!
- ◆ When regularly cleaning your shower, it is important to use products that are not harmful to the sealers. We recommend a Non-Acidic Cleanser to obtain the maximum life of the sealer. **The Groutsmith** offers two types of non-acidic sealers: our Gold Cleaner, which is an everyday spray on/wipe off maintenance cleaner & our Green Cleaner, which is a quarterly deep cleaner. **NO ACIDS**
- ◆ Some showers retain moisture in the shower bed and/or shower pan which will prevent sealers from properly penetrating and adhering to your grout, leading to sealer deterioration. This is an unforeseen issue. If you find yourself experiencing this type of sealer deterioration please, give us a call at: 608-850-9729.

Tile Countertops

- ◆ Clear or color sealed countertops will be ready for small appliances and light use within 4 hours of sealing. Countertops should not be cleaned or wiped down with any sort of liquid or water for 3 days after being sealed and no heavy or deep cleaning for at least 30 days.
- ◆ When regularly cleaning your tile countertops, it is important to use products that are not harmful to the sealers. We recommend a Non-Acidic Cleaner to obtain the maximum life of the sealer. **The Groutsmith** offers two types of non-acidic cleaners: our Gold Cleaner, which is an everyday spray on wipe off maintenance cleaner & our Green Cleaner which is a quarterly deep cleaner. Certain foods and beverages can also be acidic, avoid direct contact of these with sealed grout.

EXAMPLES OF HARSH AND/OR ACIDIC LIQUIDS:

Ammonia, coffee, soft drinks, vinegar, citrus juices, beer, wine, bleach....etc.

Granite Countertops

- ◆ Clear sealed granite countertops will be ready for small appliances and light use within 2 hours of sealing. Granite countertops should not be cleaned or wiped down with any sort of liquid or water for 2 days after sealing. **NO ACIDS**

Floors

- ◆ Color or clear sealed floors will be ready for light floor traffic within 4 hours of sealing. Floors should not be cleaned or wiped down with any sort of liquid or water for at least 3 days; and no heavy or deep cleaning for at least 30 days.
- ◆ When regularly cleaning your floors, it is important to use products that are not harmful to the sealers. As with the showers and countertops, we recommend a Non-Acidic Cleaner such as The Groutsmith Gold for regular cleaning and Green for quarterly deep cleaning. **DO NOT USE ACIDIC CLEANERS**

Caulking (In Seams and Corners)

- ◆ Cracking and splitting of caulk occurs for a variety of reasons; significant temperature change, excess vibrations in your home, too much flex in the materials surrounding the caulk, etc. If you find yourself experiencing this type of deterioration within 90 days of work **completion please give us a call at: 608-850-9729**
- ◆ Mildew and mold can grow on caulking when an area is wet for too long. There is no such thing as mildew or mold-proof caulk, only mildew/mold resistant caulks. Ideally, all wet areas should dry out completely at least once a week to minimize mildew and mold growth.

Re-grouting, Tile or Grout Repair & Tile Re-bonding

- ◆ Surface should not be stepped on or touched for 24 hours and must remain dry for at least 3 days.

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