

Tile vs. Stone

Hard Surface Cleaning and Sealing

First off let's discuss the differences of man made Tile and natural Stone.

Ceramic or manmade tiles in general are one of the most stain resistant building products in the world. Glazed tile and even some unglazed tiles resist practically all solutions that would cause staining in other types of products such as natural stones.

The face of ceramic tiles will not retain liquids; absorb any fumes, odors, or smoke. This allows for good hygiene and no reason to seal

Thus making Man made tile a surface that can be cleaned with many different cleaning solutions. Without causing any damage.

Natural stone however is a completely different animal

There are many types of Natural stones, Granite, Marble, Slate, Travertine and so on
A Honed stone will be more trouble free to maintain than a polished stone.

Sand dirt and grime can damage natural stone finishes because they are abrasive so regular dust mopping, sweeping or vacuuming is required.

Cleaning natural stone is not difficult if one has the proper knowledge needed to clean stone, unlike ceramic tile that will not stain or absorb liquids Stone unfortunately will.

So great care is required in using the proper cleaning agents when doing routine cleaning or having a company like Nichols carpet cleaning do a deep down cleaning to prevent any staining or etching of your stone.

Because natural stone is porous and will etch or stain Nichols Carpet Cleaning recommends a through sealing of your natural stone after we have cleaned it.

We hope these tips and tricks about tile and stone has been helpful, if you have any further questions about this subject please feel free to call us at **925-803-7641**

