

Tile Care and Maintenance

What can I use to clean tile?

Wipe glazed wall tiles periodically using a cloth or sponge dampened with a non oil-based household cleaner. Vacuum glazed floor tiles regularly to remove dirt and other gritty particles, then damp mop or sponge with an all-purpose, non oil-based cleaner. Remember not to use ammonia, as it will discolor grout. Clean unglazed wall and floor tiles in a similar manner using a solution of water and soapless detergent instead of an all-purpose cleaner.

What can I use to clean grout?

For periodic deep cleaning of grout, a concentrated tile and grout cleaner should be used. Concentrated tile and grout cleaner is mixed with water, much like any common household cleaner. The floor should then be mopped and rinsed. Tile and grout cleaners are also available in a spray and wipe version. It is important to use a product specifically designed for grout and tile cleaning as other chemicals can bleach or stain grout.

What is used to remove grout haze from tile?

Most grouts today are polymer modified, which means they have latex in them. Use a latex grout film remover to clean the grout haze from the tile. Do not use muriatic acid.