

# Marble Care

## General

Marble is relatively soft when compared to other stones such as granite. It will scratch very easily. Marble is one of the easiest surfaces to clean, but there are a few rules you must pay attention to.

- **Do** clean up any spill as quickly as possible.
- **Don't** rub the spill, only blot it. Blot the spill with a paper towel immediately; wiping the area will spread the the spill.
- Orange juice, lemonade, wine, vinegar, beer, liquors, tomato products, yogurt, salad dressing, mustard, coffee, carbonated beverages, ink, perfume, after shave, bodily fluids and the wrong cleaning products *will etch marble*.
- **Don't** clean with vinegar and avoid any cleaners containing lemon, orange, or ammonia.
- **Don't** use bathroom cleaners, grout cleaners, or tub & tile cleaners.
- **Don't** use abrasive cleaners (i.e. Ajax, Comet or Soft Scrub)

## FLOORS

### Do

- Use floor mats or rugs; clean or shake often.
- Dust mop or sweep your floor frequently. Sand, dirt, and grit are the biggest enemy to stone floors.
- Mop with a stone friendly floor cleaner (i.e. Marbalex by SCI) and always thoroughly rinse and dry.
- Be careful when using toilet bowl cleaners, they will etch marble.
- Use felt pads under chairs and furniture.

### Don't

- Damp mop your floor with vinegar or cleaners containing acids.
- Drag heavy objects across stone floors.

## VANITY TOPS

### Do

- Clean regularly with a marble cleaner intended for natural stone (i.e. Marbamist by SCI).

### Don't

- Clean with vinegar or cleaners containing acids.
- Paint your nails or perm/color your hair anywhere near it.
- Set any wet bottle, such as perfume or after shave, on a vanity top.

## SHOWER WALLS

### Do

- Minimize soap scum and mineral deposits by using a squeegee or towel dry after each use.
- Clean regularly with a product intended for natural stone (i.e. Counterrific by SCI).

### Don't

- Use cleaners that are powdery, or generic mildew/soap scum cleaners.

## Sealing/stain removal

- If drops of water fail to bead up, then it's time to re-seal with a water-based stone sealer (probably once every 1-3 years depending on the usage)
- If accidental staining occurs, use a general poultice method of stain removal.

The Material Difference as do other retailers carry products by Stone Care International to clean, seal and polish your natural stone (i.e. Marbalex, Marbamist, Counterrific, etc).