

When it comes to our handcrafted tile, just a little bit goes a long way. With the proper care, you can maintain the longevity and beauty of your Fireclay Tile installation for generations. If you have any questions that aren't covered in this guide, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Support Team at support@fireclaytile.com.

GENERAL CARE

- Prior to installation, make sure your Fireclay Tile is suited to the application.
- Always keep leftover tile, or as we call it, "attic stock" for add-ons and potential repairs. If a tile should crack, break, or come loose, it can be carefully removed and replaced from tile left over in your attic stock. We recommend hiring a qualified tile installer as it can be difficult to remove without damaging surrounding tiles.
- For grout maintenance, carefully read the manufacturer's label for additional instructions.

TILE CARE

Recommended Tools:

- **Mild dishwashing soap with water and a clean rag or mop OR any neutral pH cleaner specified for tile. If you find you must use something stronger, a mildly alkaline detergent (i.e., Mr. Clean, Spic and Span).**
- The single-most important step for future daily maintenance involves the complete removal of grout and construction dirt after your tile has been installed.
- Immediately clean any spills or stains.
- For any cleaning product, test a small amount on your tile to make sure it doesn't affect the glaze (an area that is hidden or out of site is best).
- Use cleaning products that don't contain phosphoric acid. Avoid cleansers that contain acids such as vinegar or lemon juice, as some of our glazes are acid sensitive (please consult our glaze specification sheet).
- Stay away from using harsh cleaners on a regular basis. The effect of using cleaners with a high pH (bleach – alkaline) or low pH (vinegar – acidic) over and over is that they may break down some sealers which are there to help prevent soap scum, oils, and dirt from penetrating into the grout.
- For more information on disinfecting your tile and disinfecting procedures to protect against the COVID-19 outbreak, please visit the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) site which lists EPA-registered cleaners. Just remember, stick with any neutral pH cleaner.

GLASS CARE

Recommended Tools:

- **Simple vinegar and water or non-abrasive glass cleaners, and microfiber towels.**
- Cleaners that contain hydrofluoric acid should be avoided as they are used to etch glass. Should your surface accidentally be exposed to any potentially damaging products, rinse immediately with water to neutralize the effect.

BRICK CARE

Recommended Tools:

- **Mild soap with water**
- Minimal maintenance is required. Test any cleaners on an inconspicuous spot before use.