



MORAVIAN POTTERY AND TILE WORKS

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SUGGESTIONS FOR FINISHING AND MAINTAINING MORAVIAN TILES

Always test sealers or treatments prior to applying to your tiles.

Sealing tiles helps prevent staining, simplifies cleaning and maintenance, and prepares the tiles for grouting. It also helps to inhibit mildew growth. Sealing also acts as a grout release and assists with the removal of excess grout.

All unglazed quarry and matt surfaces should be sealed prior to grouting. If you intend to use our tiles (glazed and unglazed) on an exterior application a sealer should be applied. If properly sealed, a drop of water should bead up on the surface. If the tiles darken they require yet another coat of sealer. Several coats may be needed. After grouting a coat of sealer should be applied to protect the grout.

Commercial Sealers

There are many commercial sealers available. A penetrating sealer provides best results. Always follow the manufacturer's product information. When the tile and grout are properly sealed, sweeping and mopping is all that is required to keep them clean. Typically a mild soap or neutral balanced pH cleanser is used. Bleach, ammonia, and other harsh cleansers tend to break down the sealer and darken the grout over time.

Achieving an Antique Patina

If you are matching old existing tiles and want to darken them, apply used dirty motor oil (NOT synthetic) to the surface of the tiles. Allow time for the oil to be absorbed and dry before proceeding to apply a sealer. The oil itself is not a sufficient sealer.

The Moravian Pottery & Tile Works has no recommendations on which techniques or sealants to use.

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