



## Care and Maintenance of PortStone

The daily care and maintenance of PortStone are very easy. Simply dust mop or damp mop as needed. We do not recommend the use of harsh cleaners such as PineSol or vinegar and water. These will act as strippers and remove the protective floor finish coating over time. Clean water is best. If you feel the need to use a cleaner, it is best to use one that is pH neutral to prevent the removal of the floor finish. The Home Depot carries a product such as this manufactured by ZEP, very creatively named Zep pH Neutral Floor Cleaner.

We recommend that at least once a year, one or two coats of a PortStone approved floor finish be applied. This will help keep your floor looking fresh and new. Applying floor finish is a very easy process; just clean the floor thoroughly then apply the floor finish using a rayon mop, lambswool applicator, or paint pad. If you choose to use a mop, be sure that it is a 100% rayon mop. Do not use a cotton mop nor a cotton/rayon blend. Cotton or cotton/rayon blends will leave lint in the dried floor finish.

Be sure to put rubber tips or felt pads under all table and chair legs. PortStone holds up very well to everyday wear and tear. PortStone is very durable and long-lasting. Treat it as you would any fine floor and you should get many years of trouble-free enjoyment from it.

*Be very careful when using a rug with a synthetic backing over PortStone or many other floors that are finished with an acrylic floor finish. The chemicals used in some rug backings will react with the sealer and floor finish on PortStone and other floors. They can leave a definite print of the backing imprinted into the floor's surface. The rug can pull apart leaving bits and pieces of the backing firmly attached to the floor. In many cases, this imprint cannot be completely removed becoming a permanent part of the floor. Removing any part of it is very difficult. The only real cure is to completely remove the affected area of the floor and replace it with new PortStone material. Not all rug backings will do this, but the safest policy is to only use rugs with no backing or make sure it is a 100% natural rubber backing.*