

# CARE & MAINTENANCE

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## GENERAL CARE:

Innovative Stonecraft manufactured stone veneers are virtually maintenance free. To clean regular dust build up simply use a soft bristle brush or broom. To get rid of more stubborn stain and particles, you can also use a solution of water and a mild detergent such as dish soap to scrub the surface clean using a soft bristle brush. Rinse the surface thoroughly after your done.

\*Please Note: Never use a wire brush, cleaners containing acid, power washers, or bleach on the stone surface. Ensure ice salt is not placed where it can come into contact with the stone surface.

## EFFLORESCENCE:

Efflorescence occurs when moisture migrates through masonry substrates, which is most commonly caused by moisture in adjacent surfaces. Once moisture is on the masonry surface, it evaporates, leaving behind a thin white layer of salt deposit. Efflorescence dissipates naturally over time if the moisture source is eliminated or controlled. Efflorescence can be manually removed by applying a 50/50 mixture of white vinegar with water and brushing the area with a soft bristle brush. Do not forget to rinse the area thoroughly after you are done cleaning.

## PROTECTIVE SEALANT:

Innovative Stonecraft manufactured stone veneer products do not require a sealant. However, if you choose to apply sealant for added protection then it is recommended to use a penetrating, water-based sealant. These types of sealers are breathable and recommended for masonry applications.

\*Please Note: Sealant may affect the stones colour or add a gloss or matte look depending on the sealer chosen.

If any stone damage or cracks occur due to building movement or by hitting the product, replace or repair the damaged section as soon as possible to prevent moisture from getting back in and potentially harming the wall assembly.

