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**Maintenance**

1. For daily cleaning clean with ***Tile & Floor Care Quick Clean***.
2. Heavy duty dirt and grime – use ***Tile & Floor Care Easy Clean*** diluted with water to the correct strength to remove dirt & grime:

1-50 for mild cleaning,  
1-20 for medium dirt,  
1-10 for heavy dirt.

ALWAYS rinse with fresh clean water after cleaning with **Easy Clean**.

**GENERAL TIPS(do's & don't's)**

If spillage occurs, then clean up as soon as possible. If staining occurs, then contact ***Tile & Floor Care*** on 011 822-6901.

**DO NOT** apply in direct sunlight or on hot tiles as the sealer dries too quickly and will not have a chance to penetrate and adhere to the tile.

**DO NOT** rub in circles.

**DO** apply the sealer following the grout lines – first north to south and then east to west.



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## D.I.Y. Guide to Cleaning & Sealing Fired Earth Slate Tiles

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## **Cleaning, Sealing and Maintaining YOUR Fired Earth Slate Tiles With Tile & Floor Care Products**

### **Remember Always**

1. If in doubt phone *Tile & Floor Care* for **free** advice on 011 822-6901.
2. Understand that you have purchased a natural product and that it needs to be sealed AND maintained. Proper maintenance prolongs the life span of all types of tiles.

### **Laying the Tile**

Fired Earth Slate tiles need to be protected before laying as the red dust which gives the tiles their distinctive colour is easily washed away during laying and grouting.

The following procedure must be followed in order to preserve the colour of the tiles.

1. Handling the tiles very carefully, unpack the tiles and lay them on a flat surface.
2. Using a suitable applicator, a pro-pad or sheepskin pad, apply two thin coats of *Tile & Floor Care Top Seal* to each tile, with a 30 minute interval between coats. Do not use a roller to apply the seal, as this causes bubbles and uneven coverage. Take care not to apply too much seal and avoid allowing the seal to run down the sides of the tiles. If this does occur, wipe the over-run off with a dry cloth.
3. Allow the tiles too dry for 24 hours.



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4. Install the tiles and grout them as per the manufacturers specifications. Do not use bonding liquid in the grout, as it is very difficult to remove, and in the process of removing the bonding liquid it is likely that the Top Seal will be removed also.
5. During grouting make sure that all excess grout is removed from the surface with clean water. Attempting to clean the grout off the surface of the tiles with dirty water and/or dirty cloth or sponge does not clean the surface.
6. After the grouting has cured, which takes approximately 48 hours, inspect the tiles to make sure that they are clean. If there are grout residues on the tile, do not seal and call ***Tile & Floor Care*** on 011 822-6901 for advice.
7. Apply two more thin coats of ***Tile & Floor Care Top Seal*** to the tiles, allowing a two-hour interval between coats.

### **Choice Of Finish**

Matt - Once you have applied the final coat of sealer, leave to dry and then apply a coat of ***Tile & Floor Care Easy Seal***, which will matt down the seal; or

Gloss - Once the final coat of sealer is cured apply 2 coats of ***Tile & Floor Care Maxi Shine***, (not recommended for exterior use).

It is important to maintain Fired Earth Slate tiles regularly to preserve the colour of the tiles. The overcoat of either Maxi Shine or Easy Seal on the tiles must be reapplied as soon as it shows signs of wear. The directions for re-application are on the containers.