

Do's and Don'ts for taking care of your stone

Do's

- Do use a garden hose and water for cleaning your stone.
- If you must clean the stone by hand use a dye-free rag, natural bristle or white bristle plastic brush is recommended. A tooth brush is also ok.
- Do consult a professional prior to any attempt at cleaning a stone is highly recommended. Each stone will have different issues pertaining to cleaning and should not be cleaned often.

Don'ts

- Don't use a pressure washer on any part of your stone. Etching may occur.
- Don't use bleach, ammonia, vinegar or any general purpose cleaner on sandstone. Doing so may discolor, etch, or pit the stone.
- Do not use any abrasive wheels or metal brushes to clean your stone.
- Never use any kind of sealer on your stone. Sandstone is porous. Any water that enters the stone has to leave it somehow. If it cannot come out easily it will make a way, resulting in cracking and accelerated deterioration.
- Don't try to remove any algae on your own. Improper removal will result in accelerated growth and the problem will re-occur quickly.
- Don't try to re-level any installed stone or monument that is attached to a base. Doing so may result in personal injury or damage to the stone. You may attempt to move garden stones or small address stones at your own risk. Wear steel-toed boots and gloves before attempting to move it.

Doing anything to your stone is not recommended will void any guarantee. Any repairs or replacement costs will be the responsibility of the purchaser.

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