

Dos and Don'ts of Cleaning

Don'ts

- Don't remove original surfaces
- Don't use bleach or other salt laden cleaners
- Don't power wash with high pressures
- Don't sand blast or use harsh mechanical methods such as power tools
- Don't use strong acids or bases

Dos

- Do no harm
- Do select the gentlest cleaning method to accomplish the task
- Do perform small test patches before cleaning the entire stone
- Do follow manufacturers' recommendations
- Do follow manufacturers' safety guidance
- Do exercise patience

Beginning Basic Cleaning

- Consider gentlest method available
- Follow manufacturer's instructions
- ALWAYS use soft bristle brushes
- NEVER use a wire brush
- NEVER use power tools, such as power washers, grinders, or sanders
- ALWAYS Soak the Stone before Cleaning
- Start Cleaning From the Bottom and Work Up
- Use a Small Circular Motion
- Use LOTS of Water