



Care and Cleaning Guide for Natural Stone and Dekton Outdoor Tables

Introduction:

Our stone tables are crafted with high-quality materials to ensure years of durability and beauty. Proper care is essential for maintaining the appearance of solid stone slabs or tiled surfaces.

Before delivery, each table is sealed with **Aqua Mix—Enrich ‘N’ Seal**, which protects the stone and grout while enhancing their natural beauty.

We recommend **Aqua Mix** products for ongoing care, but you can use any high-quality stone cleaner or sealer that suits your needs. These products are available at Amazon, Home Depot, or similar retailers.

General Cleaning Instructions

Regular Maintenance:

Dust the table regularly with a soft cloth or duster to remove dirt, debris, and dust. After dusting, use a damp cloth with clean water to wipe the surface to remove any lingering dirt or grime.

Deeper Cleaning:

1. **Prepare Solution:** Mix warm water with a pH-neutral soap like Dawn or a stone-safe cleaner.
2. **Gently Clean:** Use a soft cloth or sponge to wipe the stone surface with the solution. Avoid harsh scrubbing to protect the finish.
3. **Avoid Abrasive Products:** Don't use abrasive cleaners, harsh chemicals, or acidic products, as they can damage the stone or remove the protective sealant.
4. **Rinse Thoroughly:** Rinse the surface with clean water to remove any remaining soap or cleaner.
5. **Dry the Surface:** Use a lint-free cloth to dry the surface completely, preventing water spots.

Sealing Recommendations:

To protect your table from stains and moisture, reseal the surface annually with a high-quality stone sealer. We recommend:

- **Aqua Mix - Enrich 'N' Seal:** Enhances the stone's natural color while offering long-lasting protection.
- **Aqua Mix Sealer's Choice Gold:** Offers maximum stain protection with a more natural, matte look. Ideal if you prefer not to enhance the stone's color.

Both sealers are excellent for a variety of natural stone surfaces. You may also choose another high-quality sealer that fits your preferences.

Grout Care

Grout lines are porous and require attention to keep them clean and protected.

Regular Cleaning:

Wipe grout with a soft brush or cloth using warm water and a mild, pH-neutral cleaner. Avoid abrasive cleaners that could damage the grout.

Deep Cleaning:

1. Apply a stone-safe grout cleaner, like **Aqua Mix Grout Deep Clean**, and gently scrub with a soft-bristle brush.
2. Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove any cleaner residue.
3. Allow the grout to dry completely—24 to 48 hours depending on conditions—before sealing.

Sealing Grout and Stone Together:

When sealing, apply the same high-quality stone sealer to both the grout lines and the stone surface. This provides overall protection from moisture, stains, and discoloration. Make sure both surfaces are completely clean and dry before sealing.

Spot Treatment:

If spills occur, clean the grout immediately to prevent deep staining. Blot excess liquid and clean with warm water and a pH-neutral cleaner.

Stone-Specific Cleaning & Maintenance Instructions

Travertine Tables:

- Travertine's warm, earthy tones are popular for outdoor spaces, but it is porous and can stain. Wipe spills immediately, especially liquids like wine or coffee.
- Use pH-neutral cleaners; avoid acidic or citrus-based products that can etch the surface.
- Reseal annually to maintain its protective layer.

Slate Tables:

- Slate has a natural, textured look. Clean regularly with warm water and mild soap, but avoid excessive moisture since slate can absorb water.
- Avoid harsh scraping or abrasive tools.
- Seal annually to prevent moisture penetration and preserve its natural colors.

Onyx Tables:

- Onyx's veining and translucency make it a unique choice for outdoor tables. Although softer than other stones, with proper care, it thrives outdoors.
- Clean gently with pH-neutral products and dry the surface immediately to prevent water spots.
- Use coasters and placemats to avoid scratches and heat marks. Reseal regularly for protection.

Granite Tables:

- Granite is highly durable and less porous than other stones but still needs sealing.
- Clean with pH-neutral soap and water. Avoid acidic cleaners that could dull the finish.
- Reseal once a year to protect the polished surface and prevent stains.

Dekton Tables:

- Dekton is a non-porous, highly durable surface resistant to heat, scratches, and UV rays—perfect for outdoor use.
- Clean regularly with a soft cloth or sponge, warm water, and mild dish soap. For tougher stains, use a non-abrasive cleaner.
- Dekton does not require sealing, but avoid dropping heavy or sharp objects to prevent chipping.

Final Tips for Protecting Your Outdoor Stone Tables

1. **Weather Protection:** Cover the table with a weather-resistant cover when not in use, especially during extreme weather.
2. **Avoid Excess Moisture:** After rain or exposure to sprinklers, dry the surface thoroughly to avoid water damage or spots.
3. **Use Coasters and Placemats:** Protect the surface from stains, scratches, and heat by using coasters, trivets, and placemats under dishes, beverages, and hot items.

By following these care instructions and using high-quality stone cleaning and sealing products, your **Natural Stone** or **Dekton** table will continue to offer beauty and durability for years to come. Contact us with any questions or for additional care recommendations.

