## Tile

# Care & Maintenance

Tile is extremely durable and can last for years with simple maintenance.

### **Basic Maintenance -**

Sweep or vacuum floors to remove any dust or debris before using any cleaning products. Dampmop your tile floor at least once each week (more frequently for heavy traffic areas) to decrease wear and abrasion from grit and soil.

#### For Glazed Tile -

Clean regularly with an all-purpose, non-oil-based household cleaner that's compatible with cleaning grout joints. Use an everyday multipurpose spray cleaner to remove soap scum, hard water deposits, and mildew on wall tiles in your bath or shower.

#### For Glass Tile -

Clean glass tile with any nonabrasive cleaner recommended for either glass or tile.

#### **Tips for Preventing Damage –**

Test scouring powders and sealants on a small area before cleaning the full area.

Use a sealer on grout joints shortly after installation and use products compatible with cleaning grout joints.

After cleaning, rinse the entire area with clear water to remove any cleaning solution residue.

Have any damaged or broken tile removed and replaced only by a qualified tile contractor.

#### Things to Avoid –

Any cleaners containing acid or bleach shouldn't be used for routine maintenance.

Avoid wax-based cleaners and oil-based detergents, and use sealants on grout joints only.

Harsh cleaning aids like steel wool pads or any scouring pads containing metal shouldn't be used on tile.