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GCS (grout color seal) **Maintenance Instructions**

1.) Always vacuum your entire tile floor thoroughly to remove all the loose dirt and dust before wet cleaning outlined in the following paragraphs.

Neutral or mild cleaners are all that is necessary to effectively clean tile and now that your grout has been sealed with Color Seal the same is true. We recommend buying an inexpensive concentrated window cleaner, dilute 1/2 cup with about 1 gallon of warm water or as directed on the label.

2.) Apply cleaner to floor generously with a mop, for walls spray on, allow to stand on floor 3 to 4 minutes (no scrubbing), this will allow cleaner to emulsify and loosen any dirt and oils on your floor or walls.

3.) Take a common Swiffer mop covered with a clean dry terry cloth washcloth rather than the cloths that actually come with the Swiffer and dry the floor changing the terry cloth often. For walls simply wipe with towel.

4.) The final step is to dry the grout lines with the Swiffer and a clean dry terry cloth washcloth. Liquids settle in the grout lines because they are slightly lower. To prevent the now dirty cleaner that you are drying off your tile from drying in the grout lines and leaving a dirty residue on the Color Seal the final step must be to dry the grout line to complete the cleaning process and keeping your grout looking like it did when our Technicians completed our process to your grout. **Remember cleaning fluid evaporates but dirt does not.**

As time passes should your grout begin looking dirty with uneven color in high traffic area try this easy test. First, pour a small amount of *undiluted Maintenance Cleaner* or an undiluted window cleaner on 2 or 3 inches of a grout line in that high traffic area. Second, allow the cleaner to stand on that grout line for 3 to 4 minutes, give it a light scrub with a soft nylon brush. And finally, with a clean cloth or even a paper towel wipe up the cleaner. You will see dirt on the cloth or towel and the grout line will be clean again. This is a maintenance issue that can be corrected by cleaning the grout as described in the above paragraphs **1.** through **4.** using a slightly stronger dilution of the cleaner.

If interested Clear View Surface Solutions offers a bi-yearly or yearly maintenance service to help maintain your grout and surfaces protected by us.