



YOUR STONE CARE GUIDE

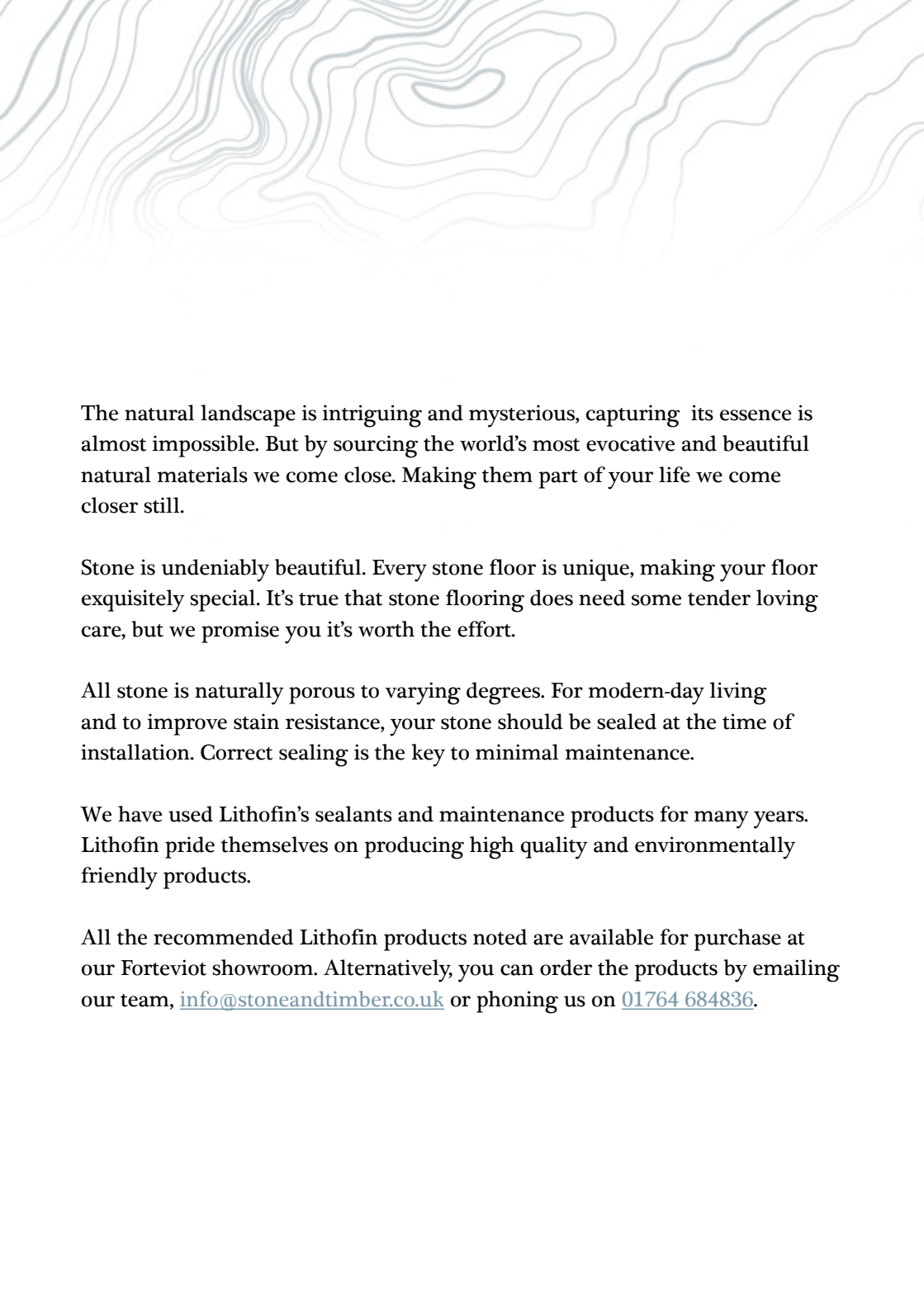
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In this booklet, we have outlined general guidelines for cleaning, maintaining and repairing your Strathearn stone floor.
For project-specific advice, please contact our expert team.

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The natural landscape is intriguing and mysterious, capturing its essence is almost impossible. But by sourcing the world's most evocative and beautiful natural materials we come close. Making them part of your life we come closer still.

Stone is undeniably beautiful. Every stone floor is unique, making your floor exquisitely special. It's true that stone flooring does need some tender loving care, but we promise you it's worth the effort.

All stone is naturally porous to varying degrees. For modern-day living and to improve stain resistance, your stone should be sealed at the time of installation. Correct sealing is the key to minimal maintenance.

We have used Lithofin's sealants and maintenance products for many years. Lithofin pride themselves on producing high quality and environmentally friendly products.

All the recommended Lithofin products noted are available for purchase at our Forteviot showroom. Alternatively, you can order the products by emailing our team, info@stoneandtimber.co.uk or phoning us on [01764 684836](tel:01764684836).

1. YOUR EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

MICRO-FIBRE MOP	<input type="checkbox"/>
NYLON BRISTLE SCRUBBING BRUSH / DECK BRUSH	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUCKET	<input type="checkbox"/>
MICRO-FIBRE CLOTHS	<input type="checkbox"/>
LITHOFIN MN EASY CARE CLEANER	<input type="checkbox"/>
LITHOFIN MN POWER CLEAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
LITHOFIN SEALANT	<input type="checkbox"/>

Supply Only Customer? – Your stone tiles will arrive with you unsealed, and your tiler will seal them upon installation. Your tiler should tell you the type of sealant used.

Supply & Install Customer – Our installation team will most likely use a Lithofin sealant to seal your stone floor. We will inform you of the type of sealant used.



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MICRO-FIBRE MOP

For smooth surface floor washing. We would recommend you have a dedicated Micro-Fibre mop for your stone floor cleaning to avoid cross contamination.

NYLON BRISTLE SCRUBBING BRUSH / DECK BRUSH

For textured stone and grout line washing.

BUCKET

Standard bucket. We would recommend you have a dedicated stone floor bucket to avoid cross contamination.

MICRO-FIBRE CLOTHS

To dry the floor.

LITHOFIN MN EASY CARE CLEANER

For gentle cleaning.

LITHOFIN MN POWER CLEAN

For deep cleaning. Also, used for final cleaning of newly installed floors on building sites prior to sealing.

LITHOFIN SEALANT

There are several different Lithofin sealants available. In general, we use Lithofin MN Stain Stop.

2. CLEANING YOUR STONE FLOOR

STEP ONE - PREPARE FLOORS

Remove dust / loose grit and dirt. Vacuum* or sweep the entire area thoroughly, paying attention to the grout lines.

STEP TWO - PREPARE SOLUTION

Make up a dilute solution of Lithofin Easy Care Cleaner and warm water in a bucket. For directions of use for Lithofin Easy Care Cleaner [click here](#).

STEP THREE - WASH FLOORS

You should change the dilute water solution regularly. The aim is always to wash the floors with clean water as much as possible.

TEXTURED STONE FLOOR

Work methodically from one tile to the next, cleaning the grout lines as required. Use a Nylon Bristle scrubbing brush or a Deck Brush for both the tile and the grout line.

SMOOTH STONE FLOOR

Work methodically from one tile to the next. Clean the grout lines with a Nylon Bristle scrubbing brush, as required. Use a Micro-Fibre mop to clean the surface of the tile, by soaking your Micro-Fibre mophead in the bucket for 5-10 seconds and wring it out.

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STEP FOUR - DRY FLOORS

As you work across the floor, dry each tile and grout lines with clean Micro-Fibre cloths. This will ensure that the stone tile remains clean as any dirty surface water will be removed.

STEP FIVE - AND...RELAX

Avoid walking on the mopped area until completely dry. Put your feet up and admire your beautifully clean floor!

How often should I wash my stone floor?

The frequency depends on the demands placed on the stone floor. For private households, once a week is normally enough, for high traffic areas or commercial properties, you should clean the floors twice a week or daily as required. You normally do not need to clean your grout lines as frequently.

* Use appropriate hard floor vacuum attachment/setting to ensure you don't scratch your floor.

3. MAINTAINING YOUR STONE FLOOR

3.1 REPAIRS

How do I remove stains and marks from my stone floor?

Stains will inevitably happen over the years. Whilst your stone floor is sealed and its surface is protected, your stone floor will still be susceptible to staining.

Light staining, e.g. watermarks and grease marks, can be removed by applying Power Clean undiluted directly onto the stain, and wet a small piece of cloth or a paper towel with the solution, and place on the stain. Leave it for a few minutes but do not leave it to dry. Remove the cloth and wipe the area with a clean, damp Micro-Fibre cloth and leave it to dry. Once dried, the stain should have disappeared.

For tougher stains, e.g. engrained oil stains, acidic etching etc., will need specialist advice and/or professional treatment. It may be possible to remove these types of stains with specialist polishing pads. Please contact us for advice and further information.



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3.2 REFRESH AND RENEW

How do I refresh and renew the look of my stone floor?

From time to time, you may need to give your stone floor a deep clean. Sometimes dirt can become engrained and is stubborn to remove using your daily cleaning regime. Tougher action is then required.

To carry out a deep clean, dilute Lithofin MN Power Clean up to 1:3 with warm water. Begin by working methodically across the floor, one tile at a time or small area at a time. Apply the dilute solution with a scrubbing brush or a Micro-Fibre cloth and allow to work for 5 to 10 minutes. Brush well with a scrubbing brush and wait for another 5 minutes. Once the 5 minutes is up, continue to scrub while adding clean water. Remove from the surface with a Micro-Fibre cloth. Rinse with clear water in order to remove all product residue. Finally, dry the area you have cleaned with clean Micro-Fibre cloths. And onto the next section you go...!

4. IMPORTANT NOTES

4.1 DO'S & DON'TS

DO'S

- Use mats at the main entrance doors to prevent unwanted dirt and grit being carried on your boots and shoes.
- Be cautious when moving heavy objects. Use a sheet of hard board and always use a dolly - never slide or roll heavy objects over stone floors.
- Use floor protectors. Place felt pads under furniture for damage free moving. If your furniture has floor casters make sure that they are of the wide variety. If they are of the narrow metal variety, there are special plastic and velvet cups that can be used underneath.
- Be quick to wipe up water, wine, coffee and other spillages when accidents happen. Pets can sometimes have accidents too and if for example you are house training a puppy, do not allow him to do his business on the floor - if you have such an occurrence, clean it up immediately.
- Keep your mop heads clean.

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DON'TS

- Don't allow any water or liquids to sit on the floor for prolonged lengths of time. When cleaning only use a slightly damp mop, sponge or cloth.
- Don't use all-purpose cleaning products that may contain bleach, chlorine, ammonia or any powder type abrasive cleaners. These will strip the sealant from the surface of the tile, and could mark the stone. It is important to use the same brand of cleaning products as your stone sealant, as it ensures that the two are not conflicting ensuring your stone floor is correctly protected.
- Don't steam clean the floor because the moisture may strip the protective sealant from the surface of the stone over time.
- Don't place potted plants directly onto stone floors.

4. IMPORTANT NOTES

4.2 HANDY TIPS AND LINKS

TIPS FROM OUR EXPERTS

“If your stone floor has dulled, you can use a product called Lithofin MN Care Seal. Care Seal not only seals your stone floor, but it will enhance the sheen of it too. Be careful not to overuse Care Seal (generally once every other year is sufficient), as you may cause a build up of the product on the surface of the stone, leaving a streaky finish. You will find directions of use for Care Seal [here](#).”

Steve, Senior Tiler

“It sounds simple, but one of the best tips I can offer is to clean your floor regularly. Try and avoid letting your stone floor go too long without a clean as dirt will build up and become engrained. Not only will engrained dirt change the appearance of your floor but it could mean that your floor needs hours of scrubbing to get it properly clean again.”

Sarah, Sales Manager



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HANDY LINKS

- How to use Lithofin Power Clean – YouTube Video

[click here](#)

- How to use Lithofin MN Stain Stop – YouTube Video

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- Lithofin MN Easy Care Cleaner

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