

# Care & Maintenance Guide

We pride ourselves in designing stone veneer that not only enhances the beauty of your space but is also easy to maintain. To ensure the longest lifespan and enduring performance of our stone veneer, please follow the care and maintenance tips outlined below.

## Cleaning

To clean dirt or other particles first try a simple soft bristle brush. If necessary, use a solution of mild detergent with water and scrub the surface with a soft bristle brush. Rinse with clean water to remove any cleaning solution that might remain on the surface. If the stone has a white stain deposit (efflorescence), see below recommendations. Never use wire brushes, acid cleaners, power washers, bleach, paint remover, or any other type of concrete cleaner.

## Efflorescence

When efflorescence occurs, as it does with many masonry products, it is usually the result of moisture migration through the masonry substrate. Once the moisture is on the masonry surface, it evaporates, depositing dissolved salts in the form of efflorescence. Efflorescence naturally disappears over time as long as the moisture source is controlled or eliminated. If the stain will not wash off, do not apply chemicals or cleaners to the stone. Call Westlake Royal Stone Solutions customer service to discuss optional solutions.



## Protective Treatment

It is not required to seal our manufactured stone veneer. A sealer will provide added protection and will usually be easier to clean if the surface becomes dirty. If you choose to use a sealer for added protection, use only a silane or siloxane-based penetrating, breathable masonry sealer.

*Note: A sealer may affect the stone color and may create a gloss or matte finish. Always test a small area beforehand.*



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