

Information Sheet

Caring for stones

| Cleaning | Repairing Stones |
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| <p>Please note: cleaning stones may change the appearance of the stone. Always trial a test piece before commencing on the main body of stones.</p> <p>Always take great care when cleaning stones and follow all applicable Health & Safety instruction / regulation.</p> <p>The following should always be carried out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - carefully and thoroughly protect <u>all</u> surrounding material, and items that will not take kindly to acidic substances, bleach or other man made products. Take particular care of anything below, such as plants or people walking etc. - thoroughly wet the stone with clean water - allow excess water to drain off - apply cleaning agent (see below) and leave for one or two minutes. Longer if the dirt is stubborn. - thoroughly wash the stone with clean running water <p>For general cleaning, soapy water and a scrubbing brush will suffice.</p> <p>For minor stains such as bird droppings and light cleaning, ordinary household bleach may be used. Follow the instructions above.</p> <p>For more stubborn dirt a brick acid may be used. They are available from all good builders merchants. Always follow the products' usage and health & safety instructions and the instruction above.</p> | <p>It is possible to repair chipped and damaged stones with material that will match the original very closely. However, a completely invisible repair is unlikely. As a rule of thumb, the older the stone, the more visible any patch will be, until it has weathered.</p> |