

# Natural Stone Flooring FAQs

**Natural stone** is a versatile flooring material that stands out for its beauty and durability. If you're thinking of getting stone floors and want to find out more about the product, you can find answers to all the frequently asked questions about natural stone flooring here.

## What is natural stone flooring?

- Natural stone is a floor covering product that is made from a variety of materials sourced from the earth. It is sturdier than most synthetic flooring products.
- Stone tile is timeless. It has been used for flooring for centuries.



## How does natural stone differ from ceramic and porcelain?

- Natural stone and ceramic are both hard-surface tile flooring materials that are resistant to water. The primary difference is that ceramic can be glazed and manufactured to mimic the appearance of other materials.
- Stone and porcelain are both natural tile flooring options that are resistant to scratching. However, porcelain is slightly more scratch-resistant than stone and does not need to be cleaned as often.

## What are the different types of natural stone flooring?

- Different types of natural stone flooring include marble, granite, limestone, slate, sandstone, soapstone, and onyx. Individual stone tiles will vary in terms of color, texture, and composition.

## Features & Use

### What are the benefits of natural stone flooring?

- Natural stone provides a timeless look for flooring. Each tile is unique, offering character and class suitable for both traditional and modern applications. Its versatility will withstand decades of your evolving interior design style.
- The hard flooring material is durable, easy to clean, stain-resistant, and cooling underfoot. Natural stone can also be used in homes with heated flooring.



## Where can natural stone floors be installed?

- You can install stone tile in kitchens, bathrooms, living rooms, hallways, entryways, offices, and basements. It can also be used for countertops, fireplaces, walls, or exteriors of your home or business.
- Natural stone offers a classic aesthetic that can be matched with any residential or commercial interiors.

## Care & Maintenance

### How long does stone flooring last?

- With proper care and maintenance, natural stone can last for up to 30 years.

### How do you clean and maintain natural stone flooring?

- To remove particles and prevent abrasion, stone tile flooring should be swept, vacuumed, or dust-mopped frequently.
- Natural stone should be cleaned with a neutral pH cleaner such as Stonetech® Daily Stone & Tile Cleaner. Avoid cleaners that contain bleach or acid. Floor Factors carries recommended cleaners for all of our flooring products in our showroom.

### Do I need to seal my natural stone floors?

- You do not need to seal or finish natural stone floors. In fact, sealing stone will make it susceptible to staining.

## What Products & Services Does Floor Factors Offer?

In addition to a wide variety of tile and stone flooring choices, Floor Factors offers several other types of flooring including unfinished and prefinished hardwood, bamboo, cork, laminate, luxury vinyl tile, linoleum, and carpet. With countertops, cabinets, and window treatments, we specialize in contracting support for kitchens and bathrooms. Our services include in-house design consulting, free estimates to fit any budget, demolition, and expert installation.

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