

# Eldorado Stone MAINTENANCE

*Thank you* for choosing Eldorado Stone for your project! Eldorado Stone products are virtually maintenance free.

## ----- CLEANING -----

On occasion, washing to remove surface debris or dust may be required. *For dirt, dust and other particle removal:*

- You may find that gently scrubbing the stones surface with a dry soft bristle brush is sufficient.
- Use a strong solution of granulated (*powdered*) detergent and water. Make sure the detergent does not contain any bleach or other harsh chemicals. Gently scrub with soft bristle brush and detergent/water solution. Rinse well with clean water.

## ----- 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 will disappear naturally over time as long as the source of the moisture is controlled or eliminated. *If you wish to clean off efflorescence, use the following instructions:*

- Efflorescence may be removed with a solution of 1 part white, distilled vinegar to 5 parts water. Gently scrub using a soft bristle brush and vinegar/water solution. Rinse well with clean water.

## ----- SEALING -----

Sealing Eldorado Stone is not necessary, however, it is recommended in certain applications such as “at grade”, where mud may splash onto the stone or on wood-burning fireplaces, which are exposed to smoke and soot. A sealer will provide added protection and usually be easier to clean if the surface becomes dirty.

- Use only a quality masonry sealer that is of the “penetrating breathable” type that is either a Silane or Siloxane based product. As with any sealer, the color of the stone may change after application. They can also add a gloss or matte finish, so it is recommended to test on several loose pieces to determine if the color or finish change is acceptable.

- Do NOT use wire brushes on Eldorado Stone
- Do NOT attempt to clean Eldorado Stone with acid cleaners
- Do NOT clean Eldorado Stone with a high power pressure washer

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