



FLAGSTONE CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Keep Excess Water Off It

- Flagstone isn't going to crumble under exposure to water, but it can become discolored. Excess water on the surface can lead to the growth of mold or mineral buildup, and it can cause overall weathering of the stone. Your patio won't look as beautiful as it once did if it is constantly exposed to water and is discolored.
- You can keep your flagstone looking great by removing excess water, including excess condensation. Use a squeegee to get rid of the water, just like you were mopping it.

Sweep It Regularly

- Dirt and debris can build up on the surface of your flagstone, leading to discoloration and staining. You can easily prevent that from happening by just sweeping off your flagstone patio regularly.
- Use a broom or a dust mop to get rid of dirt and dust at least once a week. You should also sweep if there has been a lot of wind or other activity that could be causing more dirt to land on your flagstone than usual.

Clean with a Stone Cleaner

- Not all cleaners are appropriate for natural stone. Some cleaners can actually damage the stone by etching it or discoloring it. Therefore, you need to be careful what cleaners you choose to treat stubborn marks on your patio.
- Choose a cleaner that is designed for natural stone to clean your flagstone patio. Follow the instructions carefully, and use it with a soft mop or sponge. You can also use it with a low-pressure garden sprayer. Follow up with a rinse and squeegee the remaining water.

Treat Stains with Outdoor Bleach

- Outdoor bleach is designed specifically to use on outdoor walls, fences, and so on. It's not the same as the bleach you would use on your clothes or for cleaning your home. You can use this bleach to spot clean stains that appear on your flagstone patio.
- Follow the manufacturer's directions for the bleach carefully, and thoroughly rinse your patio once you are done. Don't worry about the bleach harming your yard or plants; it won't. Regular cleaning should help you avoid stains, but a good cleaning should be done every year to three years, including spot cleaning the stains.
- It doesn't take much to keep your flagstone patio looking beautiful. But you do need to be consistent with your maintenance so that the stone does not become discolored or damaged. If the stone does suffer discoloration, a professional might be able to restore it with an intensive cleaning. If the stone is damaged, you can easily replace the individual pieces in your patio with new flagstone.