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# **maintenance guide**

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Instructions, recommendations and advantages of the recommended maintenance for our terracotta floors



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## Maintenance

Terracotta tilework is a highly absorbent porous material that needs to be cleaned and protected in order to obtain an optimal and lasting result. That being said, if the maintenance performed is faulty or incorrect, the effectiveness of the protection will be compromised in the medium and long term.

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## Terracotta maintenance procedure

Maintenance must be performed with a clean floor. We recommend cleaning the floor with a vacuum cleaner and/or pH-neutral cleaners or, failing that, just with water. Once the terracotta is clean and dry:

1. Dilute, in clean water, a proportion of 50 ml of Cerabric per liter. Approximately one small glass in a mop bucket.
2. Mop the entire floor surface with a well wrung out mop, very evenly, without leaving any puddles.
3. Allow to dry for at least 20 minutes before stepping on the floor.

## Recommendation for proper maintenance of terracotta floors

- Never use detergents, alcohol, or non-ammonia bleach that would alter the products used for the finish.
- Use noble waxes of vegetable origin diluted with water for maintenance using a slightly damp mop if the Cerabric maintenance product is unavailable.
- We recommend the use of self-adhesive pads or felts for heavy furniture that may get moved around, in order to avoid potential scratches on the recently treated flooring. Likewise, avoid dragging heavy items with black rubber protections, which may leave traces of this color on the floor. Nevertheless, in the vast majority of cases, these streaks can be removed with standard cleaning maintenance by the client.
- Do not leave any kind of plastic surface over the terracotta floor for an extended period of time (an inflatable pool, for example), since this will reduce the breathability necessary for this type of floor and will hinder the evaporation of moisture, with the possible appearance of saltpeter in the medium term.

- Eliminate the origin of any persistent source of moisture, such as: water leaks due to pipe breaks, the repeated absence of a level ceramic surface, and an abundance of liquids such as alcoholic beverages, oils, and urine.

(Tools needed for maintenance: mop bucket with a wringer and a mop)

## Aspects to keep in mind

Temperature for maintenance: Between 41 °F (5 °C) and 95 °F (35 °C).

- Cleaning of tools: with water.
- Drying time: 20 minutes.
- Frequency of maintenance: Depending on how the floor is used, but under normal circumstances, it is advisable to perform maintenance once a week.

## Advantages

- Hydration. Keeps the floor from appearing dry.
- Ecological product. Healthy and environmentally friendly.
- Allows the tiles to breathe, which intensifies the feeling of warmth transmitted by terracotta tiles indoors.
- Effective against stains, delicate with flooring treatments.
- Prevents the accumulation of dirt. Requires no rinsing and smells clean.

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