

ONYX SHOWER CARE



A house's bathroom can be one of the most adored rooms in the house if cared for appropriately. There's nothing more relaxing than running a warm bubble bath with bath salts and essential oils or running a powerful hot spray shower that eases the tension from your muscles and replenishes the body ahead of a busy day.

While we all enjoy these perks, we dread cleaning days. No one wants to have a filthy bathroom with hard water residues and soap scum. Onyx showers make cleaning days less tragic because their texture is easy to clean.

An onyx shower is a shower that is enveloped with onyx stone from the walls to the shower floor. Onyx is a natural stone that originates from dripstone deposits of limestone caves. When water evaporates from these caves, it leaves calcium carbonate, which explains the stone's colorful swirls and patterns.

The onyx from popular manufacturers; Onyx Collection is made from a combination of alumina trihydrate crystals and a special polyester resin they developed over 25 years. This article is dedicated to exhibiting ways in which this stone can be cleaned and cared for to ensure its longevity.

PREPARE THE SHOWER

This is a no-brainer, but some people tend to leave shampoo bottles, combs, razors, and other items lying around, which gets in the way of cleaning up.

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To smoothen the process, you may steam the entire shower by running hot water in for a couple of minutes, which will loosen the hard water stains and grime on the walls and floor.

MIX EQUAL PARTS WATER AND VINEGAR

Cleaning products are a big industry with multiple products on the market, each claiming superiority over the other. Onyx may be a hard stone, but it is very sensitive; therefore, the majority of these commercial soaps damage it.

If you can't choose the right cleaners for your shower, then go for white vinegar, which is approved by most manufacturers. You will not go wrong with a good-old 50-50 mixture of water and vinegar.

To dissolve soap scum and kill mildew, wipe down your onyx wall shower in circular motions using a soft wipe having the water-vinegar solution. This should be done regularly; otherwise, you'll attract hard water deposits that need more time to come out.

If you are already facing a shower with these hard water deposits, then spray this solution onto the walls or floor with a spray bottle, and wait up to 20 minutes before rinsing the surface with water.

If it's a teenage boy's bathroom—the most dreadful to clean, then perhaps a little more time should be given. Leaving this solution for up to 2 hours with an added soft cleaner in the mix will help get out those stubborn marks that form white streaks. The shower door can be wiped with the same solution.

SOFT CLEANING SOAP

Since onyx is precious, manufacturers advise against using highly abrasive cleaners that would typically be used on tile.

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These cleaners harm the material over time, thus limiting their durability, plus it loses their shine, making your bathroom dull and uninviting.

PH-neutral stone cleaning products are recommended for cleaning this stone, and also, the cloth used to wipe down the shower should be non-erosive.

Microfiber towels or soft tissue will do the work; therefore, steer clear of rough scrubs or brushes, often paired with abrasive cleaners suitable for cleaning dirty marks in tile grout. It's also advised to spray the cleaning solution into the towel and not directly onto the onyx surfaces because their porosity nature will absorb the solution.

HOMEMADE ONYX CLEANER

SINCE ONYX IS FRAGILE AND COULD GET DAMAGED BY PLENTY OF COMMERCIAL SOAPS, IT'S ADVISABLE TO MIX YOUR CLEANING SOLUTION, RULING OUT ANY POSSIBLE SCENARIOS THAT MAY DAMAGE THE STONE. TAKE ONE TABLESPOON OF EPSOM SALT AND ONE TABLESPOON OF BAKING SODA INTO A CUP OF WATER, AND STIR THE SOLVENT IN A BOWL.

Mix this solution till it forms a paste, and then use a cleaning cloth or soft-bristled brush to apply the paste to the stain. Let it settle for about 15 minutes before you rinse the area with warm water.

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USE ONYX POLISH OR SQUEEGEE FOR DAILY SHINE

HARD WATER WILL MAKE AN ONYX SHOWER DULL OVER TIME AND SO TO KEEP THIS STONE GLOSSY, YOU MAY USE GEL GLOSS PERIODICALLY, WHICH SHOULD BRING BACK THAT GLOSSY FINISH AND ALSO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CLEANING TIMES IN A YEAR SINCE IT MAKES THE WATER BOUNCE OFF AND NOT STICK TO THE WALL.

To make your cleaning process that much easier, use a squeegee after every shower. This might be a time-consuming method, but it will minimize the need to use cleaners and vinegar in the first place. Place the squeegee in a visible and prominent spot so everyone can see it and use it every after a shower.

ADVANTAGES ONYX HAS OVER TILE SHOWERS

THESE EASY CLEANING METHODS MAY HAVE AMAZED YOU, MAKING YOU RECONSIDER INSTALLING TILE IN YOUR BATHROOM OR VISIT THE IDEA OF REMODELING THE SHOWERS IN YOUR HOUSE FROM TILE TO ONYX. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THE INFORMATION BELOW HIGHLIGHTS THE UPPER HAND ONYX HAS OVER TRADITIONAL TILE, EASING YOUR DECISION TO MAKE THE SWITCH UP.

EASIER TO CLEAN

As mentioned above, because onyx isn't installed with grout, showers lined with onyx stone are far easier to clean.

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QUICKER INSTALLATION

Installation of tiles takes a mighty long time. This includes putting up a heavy cement board underlayment, cutting the tiles, placing the tile onto the wall, and applying the grout.

Whereas with an onyx application, all that is needed is a dry moisture-resistant wall, where adhesive is applied, and the solid stone is hanged up and sealed. You can even apply this in your shower by yourself if you are a DIY master.

SAVES ON TIME

To some people, there aren't enough hours in a day. Imagine getting the kids ready for school, dropping them off, getting to work on time, all the while running errands and tidying up the house. This will make anyone value their time that much more.

Consequently, cleaning the bathroom should be eased to complete the process in a limited time. This is onyx's most selling feature because cleaning out the dirt in grout involves hour-long sessions, consuming time you don't have.

RELATIVELY CHEAPER OPTION THAN TILES

Like tiles, onyx varies in strength and quality, and this reflects in pricing. The biggest disparity between the two in pricing will certainly come through in installation. Your professional contractor will probably bill you more than they would with an onyx fix.

NO LEAKAGE

Grout joints absorb moisture and can leave a wet and spongy shower wall that will eventually need to be reinstated. That's more money coming out of your pockets that you didn't plan for. This is not an issue with onyx since it's a solid stone that is secured on the wall without spaces for moisture to infiltrate.