

MAINTENANCE GUIDE ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

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FIRSTLY, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW PROJECT!


Whether you have just built an entirely new home, undergone an extensive renovation, installed a pool or had your garden transformed, we understand that this has been a major investment and you want to make sure that it lasts a lifetime!

So let's talk about maintaining your stone surfaces, because unfortunately even sealed surfaces need to be maintained.

Assuming you have just had your stone, tile or concrete surfaces sealed with our premium impregnating sealant **#JUSTSEALIT**, this booklet will provide crucial information that will assist you in taking care of it.



**SEALING NATURAL SURFACES
DRASTICALLY EXTENDS THEIR
LIFE, SO YOU CAN ENJOY THEM
IN ALL THEIR NATURAL BEAUTY
FOR MANY MORE YEARS TO COME.**



CURING TIME

NO CHEMICALS | NO CLEANING PRODUCTS

FIRST 30 DAYS

First and foremost, it is important to understand that for the first 30 days the sealer will be curing very slowly. It is gradually being absorbed into the material, becoming one with the minerals embedded in the surface. To ensure the sealer is fully absorbed, it is important not to use any chemicals, cleaning products or pressure cleaners on the surface for 30 days.

If the treated area is a construction site, or planting is to be completed during this important period, please cover the newly treated surface in protective builders plastic. This will assist in protecting the surface from heavy traffic, wheel barrows and other potentially damaging elements, allowing the sealer to be absorbed and to properly cure.

General foot traffic is fine throughout this period – you can safely walk on a Prestige Surfaces' sealed surface with clean and dry shoes as soon as the surface is touch dry. For anything heavier, please allow 48 hours – this applies to furniture, pots and vehicles.

AFTER 30 DAYS

So, let's move forward 30 days from the sealant being applied. You may have noticed a beading effect when water touches the surface. This beading will settle down over time – usually in a few weeks and in some cases a month. In some cases, this beading will not happen at all – natural surfaces will vary in their density and composition, so all of these instances are completely normal.

At day 30, we know how excited you are to fire up the pressure cleaner, pull out the hydrochloric acid and get rid of those tannins that have been bugging you for the last 30 days. STOP and put the gun down! Exercise caution with pressure cleaners, and only use them when suggested by our team. Incorrect use can leave lines and marks, and you could be doing damage to the stone and the grout.

Ongoing, your stone will generally only need gentle washing with the appropriate cleaners. Maintaining the surface by re-sealing periodically will leave your stone strong and beautiful.

MAINTAINING

While you can use any products similar to the ones described below, Prestige Surfaces recommend **#JUSTSEALIT** cleaners - the very same products we use on all of our jobs - as we are certain of their quality.

PRODUCTS AVAILABLE AT [JUSTSEALIT.COM.AU](https://www.justsealit.com.au)



For general cleaning of external surfaces, use a garden hose with a good trigger (not a pressure cleaner) and the appropriate stone cleaners.

To begin, liberally soak the surface with a garden hose. If the area is large, concentrate on small enough areas so it stays wet while cleaning. Fill up a watering can (around 9 litres) and add one to two capfuls of **#JUSTSEALIT Neutral PH Stone Cleaner** and apply this to the wet surface*. Brush the area with a garden broom or a DoodleBug (with green 'Scotchgard' pad) - we prefer a large garden broom and use the DoodleBug for problem areas only. Finally, rinse the surface down with a garden hose.

If you have organic marks on the surface, including tannins from trees, leaves, mould or timber stains, you will need to use a stronger cleaner. Add one or two scoops of **#JUSTSEALIT Oxygenated Stone Cleaner** to a 9 litre watering can of hot tap water, let the powder dissolve for about 15 minutes and then apply to the affected area*.

Agitate the solution with your garden broom or DoodleBug and leave the solution on the surface for approximately 20 minutes before rinsing. If the marks have not completely disappeared, repeat the process. Finally, neutralise the surface with **#JUSTSEALIT Neutral PH Stone Cleaner**, repeating the general cleaning process*.



For general cleaning of internal surfaces it is important to ensure that you use Neutral PH Cleaners, or in some cases, alkaline or bleach can be used if needed.

We strongly advise that you refrain from using acidic cleaners to avoid damaging the material, which includes vinegar.

For large areas, add one to two capfuls of **#JUSTSEALIT Neutral PH Stone Cleaner** to around 9 litres of water (a standard mop bucket)*. Apply this solution to the surface and agitate with a quality mop or floor pads - we recommend a microfiber flat mop with a spray function (the Sabco SuperSwish Spray Mop is great).

For smaller surfaces such as counters, hearths and benchtops, simply spray and wipe using **#JUSTSEALIT Neutral PH Benchtop Cleaner** and a microfibre or non-abrasive dish cloth*.

**Always test product in a small inconspicuous area first.*



WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.

If you'd prefer to leave the maintenance of your surfaces to the experts, Prestige Surfaces offer a six or twelve month maintenance service. We come to you and keep your surfaces in top form.

Don't hesitate to contact us for more information.

On behalf of Prestige Surfaces and the amazing gurus we have on board ensuring that absolutely no stone goes unsealed, I would like to thank you for choosing us to protect your surfaces.

Thanking you,

Matt Nash
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