

How To Remove Vinegar Stains On Natural Stone

Q. I put extremely microwaved hot vinegar and water on my natural stone and let it sit there, thinking it would clean it, but it discolored the stone badly. I imagine the only answer is to replace those tiles. What are your thoughts?

A. The good news is you may not have to replace anything. Depending on what type of stone you have (you did not mention it), here is what to do:

If the floor is marble, limestone, or travertine, then it has become etched, and it needs to be restored by a stone restoration professional. These types of stone are made up of calcium, which is sensitive to acidic substances. A qualified stone restoration contractor can clean the floor and then hone away the damage using diamond abrasives.

However, if your floor is granite, most granites are not sensitive to acid. Some staining may have occurred though, and a poultice should lift the stain from the stone.

If you want to contact your local stone restoration contractor and ask for advice or to have them come and check out the damage and give an estimate for the cost of repair, [contact us](#) to find a Certified SurpHaces PRO Partner in your area.

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