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## How can I prevent hard water spots in my polished granite shower?

Hard water deposits can build up on polished granite in a shower, leaving behind an unsightly residue. Here are suggestions for preventing those hard water deposits. If you already have hard water deposits on your granite, your stone restoration contractor can polish them off. If you do not have a stone restoration contractor, [contact us](#). We can check to see if one of our prequalified PROS services your area.

### How to Inhibit Hard Water Deposits

To inhibit the formation of hard water deposits, Fred Hueston, Chief Technical Director of Surface Care PROS and owner of [Stone Forensics](#), says you should consider using a squeegee to remove excess water from the granite after each use of the shower.

Hard water deposits are caused when minerals in water, such as calcium and magnesium, are left behind after water evaporates. Removing the water with a squeegee, keeps these minerals from settling on the granite and building up over time.

An added benefit of using squeegee to remove water is that it helps prevent mold and mildew from forming.

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Although a pro can remove hard water spots and a squeegee can help inhibit buildup, there's really only one sure way to rid yourself of the problem.

Hueston says, “The permanent fix would be to install a water softener. A water softener will remove most of the minerals that cause hard-water deposits. You’ll probably use less soap and shampoo, too, which means you’ll avoid soap build-up, as well.”

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