

FRONT STEPS CARE AND CLEANING

Your front steps have been coated with the MiraCote sealing system to protect the concrete and provide a pleasing and uniform appearance. You will need to keep your steps clean by periodic (at least once a month) sweeping and rinsing. The local environment deposits black dust, sand, and often pollens that can be yellow, black or white, and with rains, dew and foot traffic, these surfaces will become unsightly if not regularly maintained. Also, please note the manufacturer's recommendations regarding items placed on your front steps and landing.

1. **Cleaning**: Clean the Miracote Concrete Multi-Purpose Protective Coating System surface by water rinse. Non-corrosive cleaner such as diluted (e.g. 5 parts water to 1 part Simple Green) Simple Green or Liquid Dove, or mixing one tablespoon of tri-sodium phosphate (TSP) detergent powder with one gallon of warm water will work fine if a cleaner is needed. Apply the solution generously to the surface of the Miracote Concrete Multi-Purpose Protective Coating System and agitate with a stiff bristle broom or with medium soft brush. When finished, rinse the entire Miracote Concrete Multi-Purpose Protective Coating System thoroughly with cold water.

Note - any cleaner used should be biodegradable. CAUTION: DO NOT use an abrasive cleaner or cleaning tool as this can damage the finished surface.

A light flow, low pressure, low angle of attack pressure washer using a broad fan tip with pressure set not to exceed 1000psi can be used to clean or apply and rinse the detergent solution. Care must be exercised to avoid concentrating too much water pressure on the Miracote Concrete Protective Coating System coating which can damage the Miracote Concrete Protective Coating System coating system. If any coating is damaged stop immediately, reduce pressure, adjust tip, and reduce abrasive action and angle of attack of the stream.

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2. **Planters, Flower Boxes, and other objects**: If Planters desired, those with a self-contained drainage system are recommended. Planters or other objects on the Miracote Concrete Protective Coating System should be elevated to allow air to circulate beneath the object. Strips of Douglas Fir 1/2" w x 1/2" h x length of the object to be supported, generally work well. Periodically remove the objects and clean the surface. Any metal and plastic objects should have rubber or plastic coasters on the legs. Cement objects should be elevated on wood strips as described above. Rust from metal will stain the Miracote Concrete Protective Coating System coating. Door Mats: Carpet or solid plastic or rubber mats are not recommended. These materials hold water or condensation on the Miracote Concrete Protective Coating System coating and can damage the coating. A woven mat which allows moisture to evaporate and air to circulate is recommended, however, surface contact points may be softened if the mat is not periodically lifted to allow the Miracote Concrete Protective Coating System's surface to be cleaned and dry.

Please help us keep the front steps of our property looking attractive, by following these instructions and helping this protective sealing to remain in top condition. Thank you!