

How to Steam Clean Tile Grout

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Harsh chemicals are not only rough on the environment but also can be rough on your tile grout. Sometimes the best way to clean tile grout is to simply steam-clean it. With steam cleaners, it is easy to remove dirt, soap scum and even mold from your tile grout.

Difficulty: Easy

Instructions

Things you'll need:

- steam cleaner
- Towels

1. Fill your steam cleaner with the prescribed amount of water. Make sure not to overfill. Close the water receptacle.
2. Plug in your steam cleaner and wait 5 minutes for the water to fully heat up.
3. Pull the trigger on your steam cleaner while focusing the stream of steam on the grout. If you are cleaning bathroom tiles, steam from the top of your shower down. If you are steaming floors, start from one corner of the room.
4. Wipe the area you steamed with a dry towel. This allows you to get any excess grime that the steam cleaner has knocked loose.

Repeat Steps 3 and 4 until your grout is clean.

Tips & Warnings

- Some steamers have attachments. If you have attachments, use the soft-bristled brush attachment and gently scrub up and down as you go over the grout.
- Be sure to unplug the steam cleaner when you are done.
- Never open the water receptacle without letting the steamer sit for 10 minutes unplugged.