

# Stone Care Guide

Thank you for selecting one of our Natural Stone products. Your new stone should not require much in the way of regular maintenance. York Stone will 'weather' over time but certain factors can affect the way in which this weathering ages the stone.

Natural Stone does not normally require cleaning to safeguard its durability, cleaning is usually a cosmetic requirement and therefore subject to personal interpretation. Environmental factors may increase the need for cleaning of the stone, including the orientation of the facade/area, the local microclimate and the prevailing climatic conditions. For example: a damp warm summer preceding a mild wet winter and a north facing facade/area could encourage algae growth, which could in turn show some colouring on the exposed surface when wet.

Please take note of the following guidelines to ensure your stone remains in good condition.

## **Take the time to clean your stone if it becomes slippery**

Natural stone is regarded as being slip resistant providing it is kept clean. Cleaning the stone will help to prevent the growth of algae and prevent the stone from becoming slippery when it gets wet. Best results are gained by using a jet washer.

## **Avoid spilling oils and other organic substances onto the stone**

Organic compounds can impregnate the stone and will require specialist removal

## **Do not treat the stone with salt**

During icy weather use sand to aid grip; salts may de-laminate the stone.

Full Technical Information can be found on our website

[www.farrarnaturalstone.co.uk](http://www.farrarnaturalstone.co.uk)

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information regarding the upkeep or maintenance of your Natural Stone.