

Tile & Grout Maintenance Checklist

A practical check before holiday guests arrive - and a useful routine all year.

Bathroom: _____ Date: _____

1 INSPECT WHILE EVERYTHING IS DRY

- ☐ Check silicone at corners, wall-to-floor joints and tub edges for gaps, cracks, peeling or separation.
- ☐ Look for cracked or missing grout, damaged tiles, visible movement and recurring discoloration. Do not pry at tiles.
- ☐ Check the curb, nearby walls, baseboards, floor and accessible ceiling below for staining, swelling, dampness or a musty odor.
- ☐ Inspect shower-door seals and the curtain position. Clear visible hair from the drain strainer; keep designed drainage openings clear.

2 RUN A SUPERVISED CHECK - ONLY IF NO WARNING SIGNS

- ☐ Start with a dry floor. Close the door or curtain and run the shower normally for several minutes while you stay nearby.
- ☐ Watch for slow drainage, pooling, leaks at visible fittings or water escaping onto the floor. Stop immediately if a leak appears.
- ☐ Afterward, dry ordinary splashes and recheck adjacent areas and the accessible ceiling below. Check again later for delayed dampness.
- ☐ Run the sink, inspect accessible pipes underneath, and flush the toilet. Check for drips, moisture at the base or a tank that keeps running.

3 REPAIR, CURE AND KEEP UP WITH CARE

- ☐ Photograph concerns and arrange repairs well before visitors arrive. Active leaks, loose tiles or persistent moisture need assessment before further use.
- ☐ Follow each product's instructions for preparation, cure time and water exposure. Dry to the touch does not mean shower-ready.
- ☐ Keep repairs dry for the specified interval, then repeat the supervised check before returning the bathroom to use.
- ☐ Use a cleaner suitable for your tile or stone, remove residue as directed, and use ventilation during and after showers. Recheck periodically.

Remember: Grout and surface silicone are not a shower waterproofing system. Fresh grout, sealer or silicone cannot repair failed waterproofing underneath. A brief test cannot rule out hidden leaks.

Repair / follow-up: _____