

**COLUMBUS GARAGE  
FLOOR COATING**  
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## Cleaning Instructions

Thank you for choosing Columbus Garage Floor Coating. Our floors are easily maintained because of their physical and chemical tough finishes. These recommendations will keep your floor looking like new and will assist you in complying with your new floor warranty.

### Cleaning Process

The best method to clean your new floor is a five-step process, using the recommended cleaning product. The process varies between smooth and textured floors.

The five steps are:

- Sweeping – Always sweep the floor thoroughly before cleaning.
- Application – The means to put the cleaning product on the floor surface.
- Agitation – Movement of the cleaning product, with a piece of equipment, on the floor surface to aid in the release of foreign material.
- Dwell Time – Letting the cleaning product stand on the surface to allow time for emulsifying foreign material.
- Removal – Removing the cleaning product from the surface of the floor.

	<b>Smooth Surfaces</b>	<b>Textured Surfaces</b>
<b>Sweeping</b>	broom or dust mop	broom
<b>Application</b>	synthetic mop or deck brush	deck brush or foamer/sprayer
<b>Agitation</b>	mop or deck brush	deck brush
<b>Dwell Time</b>	5 – 10 minutes	5 – 10 minutes
<b>Removal</b>	mop or wet vac	squeegee or wet vac

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## Tips:

- Never use a mop to clean a floor that is greasy or oily.
- When using a deck brush, choose a medium/stiff bristle.
- When removing solution with a squeegee, use a soft, neoprene squeegee.
- Do Not use a water spray to remove cleaning solution from the floor. It will over-dilute the solution, causing greases and oils to fall back onto the floor surface.
- Spills should be cleaned up immediately as a safety precaution as well as to prevent staining of the floor.
- Surfaces should be adequately protected when moving heavy equipment across the floor.

## **Cleaning Agents**

Many cleaning agents are appropriate for caring for your new floor. In general, we recommend the following:

- Vinegar Water – mix ½ cup vinegar in 2 gallons of warm water
- Fabuloso® – mix ½ cup to 2 gallons of warm water
- WD-40 – is useful to remove sticky deposits such as tar or chewing gum
- Chesterton KPC 820 – a good biodegradable cleaner available on Amazon

## Tips

- Be careful with detergents as they tend to leave a soapy residue and may diminish the natural beauty of your floor. Rinsing with vinegar water after using a soap can eliminate this issue
- Non-porous, rubber-backed mats may cause a chemical reaction on the surface and cause discoloration.
- We recommend RPM Drymate® Floor Mats available for sale if needed

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## **Maintaining Your New Floors**

General Maintenance: Clear area of dirt and debris using leaf blower or broom. Use a garden hose to rinse the surface with water. Use a foam floor squeegee to remove excess water. CGFC recommends using an 18-inch Moss® Rubber Floor Squeegee (available at Home Depot).

Severe Stains: Saturate the stain with a mild soap (dish detergent) and water solution, aggressively scrub the affected area with a push broom or scrub brush. Rinse the area with water to remove excess soap, squeegee remaining water off.

Hard Water Residue: To remove hard water residue, mix 1-part Calcium Lime & Rust Remover with 2-parts water in a 2-gallon bucket. Saturate the affected area with mixer and use broom to agitate. Rinse and squeegee after.

Automotive Fluids: Minor oil spills can be removed using Windex® or a mild spray cleaner. For major automotive fluid spills, use kitty litter to first absorb the excess fluid from surface (allow to absorb for 6hrs). Sweep up the kitty up after the 6hrs, before cleaning the area with warm soap and water solution.

Pots & Planters: As pots and planters are major cause of severe hard water staining, they should never sit directly on any surface (they may cause permanent damage.) The use of a Surface Saver® Ring is strongly recommended.

Tar & Gum: Spray WD-40® directly onto the affected area only and wait for approximately 5 minutes allowing the solvent to dissolve the tar. Wipe with clean rag and repeat if necessary. WD-40® is excellent for gum removal as well.

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