



## **Cleaning and Care of Mankato Kasota Stone**

### General Cleaning Methods:

- 1) Sponge stone with clean potable water. Thoroughly wet the area, then sponge clean. A stiff bristle brush can be used for areas where the dirt is more persistent.
- 2) Wet the area with clear water. Using a mild detergent, potable water, and a sponge, gently clean the stone. The detergent should not include additives such as lemon. Thoroughly rinse with clean water before detergent dries. A stiff bristle brush can be used to remove persistent dirt. Once the area has been rinsed clean, move on to the next.
- 3) Hose stone with clean water. Using a standard garden hose with a typical nozzle and normal tap pressure, wash the area. A mild detergent and water can be applied to more difficult areas with a stiff bristle brush. Be sure to rinse when completed.

### Notes:

A stiff bristle brush can dull the surface of honed or polished stone depending upon the pressure applied.

Do not use cleaners that contain acids. Acids can dull, discolor, etch, and leave streaks on the finish of the stone.

Do not use salt to melt ice. Any ice melt chemicals should be tested to ensure compatibility with the stone.

### Cleaning Methods for difficult areas:

1. A pressure washer can be used with a 45 degree angled fan-shaped nozzle. Pressure should be 1200 to 2000 PSI. Use a continuous sweeping motion not closer than 6" from the surface being cleaned. Pressure washing can affect the finish of the stone.
2. There are numerous chemical cleaners on the market. You will need to consult the manufacturers to determine their products compatibility with Mankato-Kasota stone. Some manufacturers that our customers have tried are:

ProSoCo, Inc.  
800-255-4255

Dietrich Technologies  
800-323-3565