



## ***Maintenance Guide***

### ***Cleaning***

Rocky Mountain Stone may never need to be cleaned. But, on occasion, washing to remove surface dirt and other debris may be required. For dirt, and other debris removal: Gently scrubbing the stone with a dry, soft bristle brush should be sufficient. If that does not suffice, use a solution of granulated or powdered detergent and water. Make sure that the detergent does not contain any bleach or other harsh chemicals. Then gently scrub with soft bristle brush and detergent/water solution. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

### ***Efflorescence***

Efflorescence may be removed with a solution of 1 part white distilled vinegar to 5 parts water. Gently scrub using a soft bristle brush and vinegar/water solution. Rinse well with clean water.

### ***Sealing***

A sealer will provide added protection and usually be easier to clean if the surface becomes dirty. Use only a quality masonry sealer that is of “penetrating breathable” type, that is either a Silane or Siloxane based product. As with any sealer, the color of the stone may change after an application. Be sure to test the sealer on several different places on the stone, to determine if the color change is acceptable.

### ***Salt and De-Icing Chemicals***

Because all concrete and masonry are vulnerable to damage by salt, Rocky Mountain Stone Products are not warranted against damage incurred from salt or other chemicals used to remove snow or ice. Do not use de-icing chemicals on areas immediately adjacent to a Rocky Mountain Stone Products manufactured stone veneer application.



### ***Proper Water Diversion***

A rigid, corrosion-resistant flashing should be installed at all wall penetrations. Flashing types and locations should be in accordance with the requirements of the applicable building code. The incorrect installation or absence of flashing, cant strips, gutters and downspouts may result in diversion of water run-off onto finished surface areas. Masonry and other building products subjected to these conditions may develop staining, and when combined with severe freeze-thaw conditions, may eventually cause damage. The application of ROCKY MOUNTAIN STONE PRODUCTS® under these conditions is not recommended and will void any warranty issued by ROCKY MOUNTAIN STONE PRODUCTS ®.

- DO NOT clean Rocky Mountain Stone with a high power pressure washer
- DO NOT clean Rocky Mountain Stone with acid cleaners
- DO NOT use a wire brush to clean Rocky Mountain Stone