

Care Information For Newly Reglazed Tubs

You should leave your bathtub at room temperature for at least 24 hours before first using it.

The bathtub can be restored to full use, but the surface may continue to harden for up to 2 weeks. Because of that, do not use any products with coloring effects.

Treat your refinished bathtub as you would with new items. Never use abrasive cleaners and scrubbing pads. You may use baking soda, but not often because it can slightly reduce the gloss of the bathtub.

To preserve the beauty of the finish, routine cleaning is important to prevent soap scum build-up, which will be difficult to remove once it hardens (the same can occur under the bathmat).

Once a week regularly, thoroughly clean the entire bathtub. You should remove any debris and use a soft washcloth to clean the tub with mild soap and water.

DO NOT USE products such as Comet or Ajax, steel wool sponges, wire brushes, scratch pads, harsh abrasives, any cleaning products containing BLEACH, or ammonia (or cleaners containing ammonia). The use of these chemicals will result in dulling of the bathtub surface.

Try to **only** use the recommended products below:



Should you wish to use a product not listed above, always make sure to test the product on a small area (such as a corner in the tub) before applying it to the entire surface.

Always review every cleaner's instructions, and remember to gently rub and rinse thoroughly after cleaning.

Plastic cleaning pads and/or brushes designed for bathtub surfaces are generally fine to use as well. Do not allow any cleaners to remain on the surface for an extended period of time, before thoroughly rinsing off.

Soaps are generally alkaline in nature, meaning they have a higher pH than 7.2 (which is considered to be neutral). High pH (alkaline) or low pH (acidic) cleaners can mar, or damage most surfaces- especially if left on for extended periods of time.

In addition, do not use any automatic spray cleaning (refreshing) systems on bathtubs. It may continuously spray the agent in one place, which will lead to stains on the surface.

Because the surface continues to cure after reglazing, regular use and cleaning of the tub will remove all minor surface dust marks. Once you hang the shower curtain and start using the tub, you'll no longer notice this.

Drain Cleaners: Liquid drain cleaners are recommended, over powder and/or crystal cleaners.

However, when using liquid drain cleaning agents, drain the standing water out of the tub completely and remove the tub drain plug if present. Using a sponge, remove as much water out of the tub as possible.

Using a funnel to prevent spills, apply the chemicals directly down the drain slowly, allowing them to activate. Always make sure that chemicals do not come in contact with the new surface.

If this happens, however, wipe the spills immediately. Try to use drain cleaners sparingly, so they do not corrode and damage the new surface. Allow time for the chemicals to work.

Snaking through the overflow is recommended, to remove clogs due to built-up hair.

Got A Dog?

When washing your dog or pet in a refinished tub, it is recommended to put down a rubber bath mat or towel along the bottom of the tub. This is mainly to have your pet feel secure (as you don't want them slipping/ scratching into the tub's surface. For bigger pets such as dogs, it is a good idea to place a towel over the tub's rail to prevent the pet from digging into the tub's surface when getting out.

Important Tips When Caring for a Refinished Bathtub:

- It is best to store bath products such as soaps and shampoos, in a hanging shower caddy or shelf. Alkaline products left sitting on the surface will affect the surface over time. Should you have a built in soap dish, it can be used to store items rather than on the surface.
- Avoid using heavy objects or tools near the tub, without using protective padding (in case something accidentally falls).
- Try to not allow for your kids to use hard, plastic toys in the tub- as they can damage the tub's surface, as well as the toy. Soft rubber toys are recommended.
- Have leaky faucets repaired **immediately**, as water drips will cause erosion of the surface over time.
- Our products can withstand the use of a bathmat, with perfect adhesion. The only warning is that the mat **MUST** be removed after use; just lay the mat over the tub's rail to dry. Water trapped underneath the suction cups are sealed in a vacuum, and will degrade the finish over time.
- Should you have the need to set a ladder in the tub, put down padding and plywood under the ladder's legs first to evenly distribute the weight (and to avoid damage in general).

While refinishing your bathtub is a more cost effective option rather than remodeling, it does require often care and attention to preserve the life of the tub. The suggestions on this page can also be applied to new fixtures as well.

If you have any questions about specific tubs, sinks, or showers call 224-616-1766.