

# Will the cold cause my stone to crack?

**Q.** Will the cold cause my stone to crack, or is there some way to treat it to prevent this?

**A.** Being natural, no two stones are going to have the exact same characteristics. That being said, freezing temperatures alone do not affect stone. What causes the problems in a freezing and thawing climate is the absorption of water into the stone. When the moisture freezes, it expands and forces the rock to break apart. Now, not having a picture or knowing which type of marble you have exactly, I cannot say 100% whether it will absorb water or not. Therefore, I can only advise you to err on the side of caution and apply a good quality impregnating sealer to the stone to keep it from absorbing moisture before it freezes. Check out our [Stone and Tile Care Guide](#) for more information on caring for your stone.

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