

How to Remove Wax From Bluestone

Q. How do I remove a candle wax stain on bluestone?

A. Here are the full instructions for candle wax stains:

To remove candle wax that melted into the pores of the stone: Use a hot clothing iron (preferably one you don't mind getting wax on) and white paper towels to melt and lift any remaining wax. Place the paper towel over the stain and iron it with the hot iron. As the wax softens, it will be absorbed by the paper towels. Be sure to use new paper towels if needed.

Removing residual stains: After you have scraped the wax off and used the iron and paper to absorb embedded wax, soak a clean cloth in water, wring it out and apply a few drops of either degreaser or ammonia. Wipe the stone with the cloth to eliminate the remaining candle residue. Finish by rinsing the surface with water and air dry. If any staining remains you will need to use a poultice to break down and draw out the stain. Try a poultice with hydrogen peroxide 40 volume (the kind you get in a beauty supply for processing hair color, not the kind you get in the drug store). If that doesn't work after a couple of tries, use paint thinner as your chemical.

Q. I got a sample from a hairdresser, but it is a very thick liquid (like shampoo) with a "clouded" milky color. Can I use it in a poultice to lift a wax stain from bluestone? Or should I get peroxide 40 volume with a water-like thickness, if it exists?

A. The gel peroxide formula will not only work, but may be more effective than a thinner formula. Just use a little less absorbent medium when mixing up

the poultice. Most stains can be removed, so if the stain lifts at all, even just a little bit, keep repeating the poultice process. If you are unable to remove the stain, contact a reputable stone and tile restoration contractor. To find a Certified SurpHaces PRO Partner, [contact us](#).

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