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To ensure that an application of silicon impregnator inhibits staining and offers protection, it should be applied to stone that is dry. The problem is that stone restoration contractors are often ready to apply silicon impregnators long before stone dries out following honing or polishing services. To avoid down time, there are a few methods you can use to speed drying time.

The first step is to use a dry mop or towel to remove any excess water.

Fred Hueston, Chief Technical Director of Surface Care Pros and owner of Stone Forensics explains, "Several fans placed on the stone will help speed up the drying and curing time. Turning the air conditioner down low will also help speed the drying process, because it functions as a dehumidifier. And of course, you can also use dehumidifiers."

What You Need to Know About Cure Time

There's no way to say what the cure time for your application will be, because there are so many variables, including how porous the stone is or the level of humidity. Hueston says, "Regardless of the drying time, most silicon-based impregnators will continue to cure for a period of seven days. This does not mean that you have to wait seven days to use the floor. Most silicon will dry enough to be walked on within one hour. Try to avoid spilling any liquids on the floor during the first 24 hours."

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