

## WHY?

Over time gravestones will need cleaning due to dirt, hard water staining and biological growth. Using proper cleaning methods and products will ensure you do not damage the stone and cause harm.



## DO USE

- Water Only
- Soft bristle brushes
- Plastic scrappers
- D/2 Biological Solutions
- Sparks tile & stone cleaner (**Granite Stone Only**)

## DO NOT USE

- Bleach
- Power washers
- Power tools
- Metal tools/scrappers
- Household cleaners

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# CLEANING GRAVESTONES



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DO NO HARM PRINCIPLE

**BEFORE**



**FIRST STEPS**

- Determine stability of the stone. Some stones may be a hazard for injury or cleaning may do more harm.
- Use a soft bristle brush to wipe off debris or a plastic scrapper to remove more sticky items.
- Wet the stone with water (never use a power washer).
- Use D/2 Biological Solutions (and a soft bristle brush) to clean any stone.
- After applying D/2 Biological Solutions allow it to sit for approximately 10 minutes. using a soft bristle brush start scrubbing. You can clean with water periodically, but there is no need to reapply D/2.

**NEXT STEPS**

- **Granite/hard water stains only** use Sparks (brick & tile cleaner). In addition to a soft bristle brush you can use a "rock block" on granite only to help break up the hard water deposits.

\*Sparks should never be used on stone other than granite since it is slightly acidic and will destroy softer stones such as marble, sandstone, and limestone.

\*D/2 works over time. You will not see immediate results. D/2 will work to kill biological growth and whiten the stone over the coming months.



**AFTER**

## SOME GENERAL RULES

- Do no harm
- Do not do anything you cannot undo
- Use D/2 Biological Solutions
- Use Sparks brick & tile cleaner Granite stones only
- Use soft bristle brushes
- Clean before the stone gets too hot

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Some websites to find supplies

- [gravestonecleaner.com](http://gravestonecleaner.com)
  - [atlaspreservation.com](http://atlaspreservation.com)
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Some websites for more conservation information:

- [history.utah.gov/cemeteries](http://history.utah.gov/cemeteries)
- Cemetery Conservators for United Standards
- [NCPTT.org](http://NCPTT.org)