

Co-op Coalition Survey: Stone and Marble Repairs

Thanks to the few members who responded to this survey. Obviously, the need for stone and marble repairs is probably limited, but the few who have engaged stone and marble specialists provided some very helpful information. Below is the original e-mail containing the question followed by a results table with the responses.

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In a message dated 7/28/2015 11:47:08 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, CooperativesDC@aol.com writes:

Dear Coalition Representatives, Presidents, and Managers,

A Coalition member needs your help in stone/marble staircase repairs. Has your co-op had any experience - large or small - with companies/individuals who make such repairs? Their request for help follows. Please respond by Friday, August 7. I'll share the results with all Coalition members the following week.

Thanks for helping another Coalition member!

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Our building, constructed in 1912, has a six-story staircase and we have been in touch with a couple of local companies that repair stone and marble steps and landings. We have chips along the edges of a few steps and scratches on several of the landings caused, we think, by careless builders dragging metal ladders up the stairs. I have talked to two companies -- Precision Renovation (which has said they do not really have the expertise to do the work) and Handyman Masters, which says they do have experience in working on "historic" buildings in our area. Do DC/CHC members have any experience with either of these companies, or with any others in our area who might be equipped to do a good restoration and repair job? If so, we'd love to hear from them via your survey mechanism. We'd like to get started as soon as possible this summer so would appreciate any help/advice your members can give us.

<50 units	No experience with either of those companies.
<50 units	We have a marble entry way/ stairway as well. The actual work we had done recently has to do with cleanup. The marble tiles in our entry way got stained by a careless work person who spilled some cleaning or staining solution. So the repair did not involve any chips or scratches but the stains were pretty bad. The cleanup was performed by: CR8 Construction LLC, Person in charge: Kaz—phone number 202-369-0961

	<p>The results were excellent and Kaz was a great person to deal with. Personable and professional and fair. CR8 Construction did repair our stone steps outside the building so maybe they also work with stone.</p> <p>We would also recommend Historic Structures, the company that restored one of our original (1920s) windows that got broken and had to be rebuilt from scratch. I know from their website that they do all kinds of restoration work and work with marble/stone as well, although our building has not needed extensive work with marble so have not called them. The person in charge there is Stephen Ortado, phone number: 202-437-7567. He, too, was personable, professional, and fair. We were at our wit's end trying to get that window restored (we made a few attempts that didn't work out with companies that didn't make the correct window or decided not to do it, etc.) and he really came to our rescue.</p>
50 – 99 units	We do not have experience with the companies referenced by the sender. However, we have used Stuart Dean Co., Inc. for stone restoration with positive results.
50 – 99 units	At [our co-op], we had to do substantial repair on our stone floor following a steam pipe break in about 2009. The work was done by Stuart Dean. The results were good (but not perfect).
50 – 99 units	We don't have any experience or recommendations on this.
100+ units	Sorry, I do not have a company for this project.
100+ units	I've used Sierra Stone and been very pleased. Carlos is the name contact and here is the link for their website: http://www.serrastone.com
100+ units	Bear Marble, http://www.restoration-experts.com/