



Warm Timber Rock Maintenance

Replacing and Maintaining Rocks

You just put a huge investment into your facility. It's important to ensure your sauna lasts for years to come. Part of that is maintaining your rocks within your heater.

Replacing rocks in a residential heater is an annual responsibility. In a commercial sauna, you should take them out and check them every few months.

- Inspect stones regularly, inspecting for cracks, crumbling, discoloration, and any stones that sound hollow or chip easily when tapped.
- Remove damaged stones (any that are cracked, crumbled, or discolored) as they can impede airflow and risk damaging the heater.
- Clean stones and heater by removing all stones and washing them with warm water and a soft brush to remove sweat, oil, dust, and mineral deposits. Allow them to dry completely before restacking them in the heater.
- Rearrange stones for optimal airflow when replacing. Place larger stones at the bottom and smaller stones higher up, keeping them loosely stacked to allow for air circulation.
- Check your heater coils and make sure no stones are pushing them together tightly to avoid burning them out.
- When replacing stones, always use stones recommended by your heater's manufacturer. Substitute brands may void warranties or cause malfunction.
- While maintaining your stones, take time to visually inspect the heater's elements for any limescale buildup, discoloration, wear, or corrosion.

