



WETWALL CASE STUDY

# Multi-Family Housing Complex | Kingston, Ny

Wetwall™ Panel Systems Are the Ideal Solution for Property Owner at Sheehan Court Multi-family Housing pecializing in the planning and construction of affordable multi-family housing, Mountco Construction and Development Corp. of Scarsdale, NY, knows that successful projects require design materials that meet the needs of many. For tenants, materials need to be attractive and functional. For contractors, they need to be easy to work with and quick to install. And for property owners, they need to be economical and easy to maintain. One recent project led Mountco to discover just this type of solution.





Partnering with the Kingston Housing Authority, Mountco was tasked with renovating a 120-unit, multi-family housing complex, Sheehan Court, located in Kingston, NY. The renovation included replacing 25 ADA roll-in shower surrounds in various conditions, from heavily stained tile grout to damaged substrates with mold growth.

### GOODBYE TO TIME-CONSUMING TILE & GROUT

Wetwall is an affordable, waterproof wall panel system that quickly installs directly over existing tile or onto new substrate without the need for grout. Wetwall's patented waterproof system with antimicrobial protection was the best solution to meet large demand, while adding a stylish aesthetic to the renovation. Lightweight 8-foot panels allowed for quick installation directly over existing tile with convenient

tongue-and-groove edges that easily snap into place-all while keeping everything watertight.

Controlling water infiltration and preventing mold are key Wetwall benefits for property owners like the Kingston Housing Authority, to reduce health and safety risks, and save thousands of dollars in repairs.

"One of the best features of Wetwall is that joints are limited to just the corners," said Mountco project superintendent, Art Brooks, "which greatly reduces the possibility of water infiltration and mold growth."

## MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING COMPLEX

#### PROJECT TYPE

Multi-Family Housing

#### LOCATION

37 Sheehan Court Kingston, NY

#### PROJECT OWNER

Kingston Housing Authority Kingston, NY

#### CONTRACTOR

Mountco Construction and Development Scarsdale, NY

#### **PRODUCT**

Wetwall™ in Vienna Marble (W7006)



Wetwall

Each shower enclosure took about two hours according to Brooks, compared to the 6 to 8 hours to prepare a substrate and lay out tile, plus a second day for grouting. In most of the 25 Sheehan Court units, Wetwall panels were installed right over existing tile.

"The subcontractor that installed these bathrooms was very impressed with the speed and simplicity of the panel installation," adds Brooks. "We also believe the system will reduce callbacks and warranty issues in a project of this size."

# THE LUXURIOUS CHOICE FOR SMART INSTALLATION

For Mountco Designer and Project
Manager Christina Lapierre, the Wetwall
panel system was the perfect blend of
maintenance ease and luxurious looks.
Not only was Wetwall a smart, speedy,
and economical solution for Sheehan
Court's challenging combination of
shower replacement conditions, but
it also provided a portfolio of design
options that allowed LaPierre to
complement the bathroom design.

"I selected the Vienna Marble finish for the shower enclosure panels so they would pick up the brown and gray wood tones in the flooring without overpowering the room," explains LaPierre. "The tenants absolutely love the panels compared to tile and grout. The smooth finish of Wetwall makes cleaning much easier and less timeconsuming for them as well as for the owner who has to clean between tenants."

Wetwall Pro Design panels are available in different designs that mimic the look of marble, stone or wood-along with abstract patterns. A tongue-and-groove

installation system and a color-matching sealant work together to create an upscale look and seamless effect while also delivering a watertight seal.

Comprising a high-performance top and bottom sheet bonded to a solid waterproof core, each panel features AEON™ Performance Technology for a scratch-resistant finish as well as built-in antimicrobial protection that inhibits the growth of stain- and odor-causing bacteria, mold and mildew. Panels clean easily with soap and water, and they are backed by a lifetime limited warranty when installed by a Platinum certified contractor.

(1) PREP

Prepare existing wall surfaces and remove rough plumbing and fitting.

②DRY FIT

Perform a rough dry fit for each panel, mark seam locations and mark drill plumbing locations.

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Apply adhesive to the panel and work from back wall panels to wing panels to finishing and trim if needed.

(4) SEAL

Apply the color-matched sealant to all corners, seams between panels, and gaps between top and bottom panels.

For more detailed instructions, see our Wetwall Installation Guidelines.

# Wetwall® Features & Benefits

PATENTED WATERPROOF PANEL SYSTEM

Installs seamlessly with customizable tongue and-groove panels & color-matched sealant.

**DARING DESIGNS** 

Looks like marble, stone or wood-including abstract patterns-and weighs a lot less.

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SCRATCH- AND SCUFF-RESISTANT AEON™ TECHNOLOGY

Does double duty: works hard in busy bathrooms & looks luxe longer.

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ANTIMICROBIAL PROTECTION

Inhibits the growth of bacteria, mold and mildew, cleans easily and won't wash off.

**SPEEDY INSTALLATION & DELIVERY** 

In hand in 2 weeks, in the bathroom in 2.5 hours. Plus, exceptional, reliable service.

Now that Mountco has had the opportunity to work with Wetwall, the company plans to continue using the product in future housing developments.

"Wetwall promises to look good from one tenant to the next, and it's a fraction of the cost and installation time of tile and grout," LaPierre concludes. "It's a great new option for our clients."



