



Hardwood, Engineered and Laminate Floor Care and Maintenance Guide

With proper maintenance, you can protect your investment and keep your hardwood or laminate floors looking beautiful for years to come.

To Protect the Finish:

Prevent scratches by placing felt pads on the feet of furniture and keep your pet's nails trimmed. Regularly clean any wheels or casters that come into contact with your floor. Do not slide heavy furniture across your floor. Instead, use a dolly and lay down a protective sheet of plywood.

Vacuum or sweep regularly. Keeping dust and dirt off your floor will prevent scratching and prolong the life of your finish. Use a vacuum head with a felt or brush bottom and be sure the wheels are clean. Or, sweep with a dust mop or microfiber pad.

Remove shoes with damaged heels or cleats before walking on the floor. Use doormats inside and outside to catch dirt and moisture when entering your home. Place area rugs in front of the kitchen sink and in high-traffic areas.

To Prolong the Life of Your Floor:

Avoid using rubber, plastic or vinyl mats that can trap humidity and prevent the floor from breathing.

Avoid using vinegar, ammonia, soap or oil soap to clean your floor. Vinegar can damage the finish and soap will leave a residue that could prevent your floor from being re-finished.

Avoid using water or steam cleaners to clean your floor. Water will increase the moisture content and could cause your floor to buckle or curl. Steam cleaners use excessive heat and force moisture into your floor.

Maintain a comfortable humidity between 35% and 55%. If you're using your air conditioner, you should be fine. If you turn your A.C. off for cooler weather, you may need a de-humidifier to protect your floors.

To Clean Your Floors:

Only use hardwood and laminate floor cleaners like Zep, Bona, Bruce, Method, Armstrong, or Swiffer wet jet in the brown bottle. If it doesn't say, "hardwood and laminate cleaner", don't use it on your hardwood or laminate floor.

Clean up spills quickly with a soft cloth to avoid staining and prevent liquid from soaking into the floor.

For deposits of gum or candle wax, put an ice cube in a sealed plastic bag and place it on the deposit. Once the deposit becomes brittle, scrap it off with a plastic scraper or the edge of a credit card.