



Hardwood Floor Care and Cleaning

Following these simple steps will help keep your hardwood floors beautiful for years to come and protect your investment in them.

- For the first 3 days after your floors have been finished, do not use water on the floor.
- Wipe up any spills or water immediately to reduce the chance that a milky ring may appear in the finish.
- Do not put any area rugs on the floor for 7-10 days after it's finished. The floor needs to breathe to fully cure.
- After the initial 7-10 day waiting period, floors should be cleaned with a water dampened mop. Occasionally a solution of vinegar and water may be used for dirtier floors.
- NEVER use Murphy's Oil, detergents, Endust, Swiffer Wetjets or anything other than what is mentioned above. NEVER wax the floor. Even overspray from furniture cleaners or polish can leave an outline on the floor. This overspray can penetrate some floor finishes and cause them not to adhere to that area even when sanded.
- Wood is an organic material with its own characteristics and abnormalities. Because of temperature and humidity changes wood tends to shrink slightly in winter due to the dry heat of furnaces—you may notice a few cracks occurring. But it will expand in summer and usually cracks reseal themselves. This movement is normal for all hardwood floors.

Floor Protectors

We recommend using felt protectors applied to the bottom of chair legs and other furniture feet to avoid scratching the floor and causing excessive wear.

Any furniture which may be moved regularly, or heavy furniture which may scratch or gouge the floor, should have felt protectors permanently applied to them.

Other Ways to Reduce Wear

How often your floor needs to be recoated depends on the precautions you take to protect it. A minimal amount of effort can keep your floor beautiful for many years. Dogs and cats will cause more wear to the floor—keeping nails trimmed and using area rugs can help. Keeping sand and dirt off the floor as much as possible will also help to reduce wear.

Questions?

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