

How to Care for Your Floors

Preventative Maintenance

Preventative maintenance may be the most important factor in determining the longevity of your wood floor finish.

- Think about having a shoeless household as this could greatly extend the life of your floors.
- Place walk off mat's in entryways and near sink areas to minimize the amount of dirt and water that comes in contact with your floor.
- Check your chair legs and other pieces of furniture monthly and attach furniture protector pads (available in our office) to all furniture that will come in contact with your floors.
- Keep pet claws trimmed.
- Do not over-water plants. Soils, water, fertilizers and plant foods may have chemicals in them that will damage your finish. Also try to avoid porous pots that may leak, seep or leave residue on your floors.
- Soft rubber (shoe soles, toy wheels, etc.) can potentially leave black marks on the floor. Most of these marks can be rubbed out with rubbing alcohol, but should be avoided if possible.
- Keep high heel shoes in good repair. Heels that have lost their protective cap can cause little indentations in any floor surface, even concrete!

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Simple steps can be taken to maintain the beauty and luster of your newly finished floors.

Vacuum or Dust Mop

Vacuum or use an untreated dust mop on your floor regularly. This will keep the sand and grit off of your floor that may cause premature wear. Vacuum with soft bristle brushes only. When sweeping, use a soft (nylon) bristle broom. Throw rugs that are cleaned on a regular basis are recommended in front of the sink and at each outside door.

Cleaning

Wipe up food or other spills immediately with a damp (not soaking wet) cloth or paper towel. Regular cleaning should be done with your lifetime supply of cleaner available in our office, which is specially formulated to clean your newly finished floors. Follow the directions on the bottle for correct application.

No Waxing

Your newly finished floors should never be waxed. Do not use oils or waxes or cleaners that have these properties, on your finish. If wax or other treatments are applied re-coating may not be possible.

Know Your Floor

Know what products were used to finish and clean your wood floor. Keep track of dates (month/year) that the floors were installed, finished, re-finished and/or repaired. Remember the company name of your floor installer/ finisher. When moving, leave the above information in the home.