

WOOD ROUTINE CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Wood is a natural product that lives in a comfort zone of 35% - 55% relative humidity, and between 60 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit. To ensure the long life of your wood floor, the HVAC system should remain active at all times.

Sweep or vacuum regularly, since built-up grit can damage the finish and surface of hardwood. The vacuum head must be a brush or felt type. Be certain the wheels of the vacuum are clean and do not damage the finish. Do not use a vacuum with a beater bar head.

Remove spills promptly using a soft cloth and cleaning products such as Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner.

Never mop or flood your floor with water or products that mix with water. This can severely damage the flooring.

Do not use oil soaps, liquid or paste wax products or other household cleaners that contain lemon oil, tung oil or ammonia.

Keep pets nails trimmed and paws clean and free of dirt, gravel, grease, oil and stains.

Use a dolly and protective sheets of plywood when moving heavy objects.

Make certain furniture casters and floor protectors are clean and operate properly (minimum of 1" continuous width is recommended).

Remove shoes with spiked or damaged heels before walking on the floor.

DO'S & DON'TS FOR WOOD FLOORS

DO:

DO use a vacuum without a beater bar or sweep on a regular basis. Dirt particles left on your floor can mar the surface.

DO dust mop your floor to keep it looking new and free of harmful dust and dirt.

DO use door mats outside room entrances and in front of kitchen sink and refrigerator to help keep dirt and grit off your floor and to prevent damage and excessive wear.

DO place runners and area rugs, with slip-resistant backings, along high-traffic areas. The color of your floor may change over time due to oxidation; so, frequently move these items to minimize shading.

DO wipe up spills immediately. You may use dry Swiffer®, Min-Wax 7 Cleaner®, Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner or the manufacturer's recommended products.

DO buff your floor protector pads under all furniture legs. Clean the pads on a regular basis to remove any grit that may become imbedded.

DO use felt floor protector pads under all furniture legs. Clean the pads on a regular basis to remove any grit that may become imbedded.

DO be aware, pet claws can scratch your floor. This is not covered by the manufacturer's warranty.

DO replace hard, narrow furniture rollers with wide rubber rollers.

DO keep the relative humidity in your home between 45% and 55%.

DO protect your floor from direct sunlight with the use of blinds, shades or shutters.

DO move heavy appliances and furniture by sliding them on, a thick moving, or folded blanket, or a piece of carpet placed face down.

DO use walk-off mats. Mats are recommended at door areas to help deter water damage.

DO check out a local hardware store for color putty that can fill small dents and chips.

DON'TS

DON'T use a steam mop, it can cause damage to the flooring. Steam mops are NOT an approved method of care and maintenance. Remember, water and wood do not mix.

DON'T use any of the following products (or products similar in nature) on your floor: vinegar, ammonia, Fantastik®, Formula 409®, dish washing detergent, powdered all-purpose cleaners, Endust®, Pledge®, Future®, Mop 'n Flo®, Murphy's Oil Soap® or other polishes. These products mentioned, and other abrasive cleaners, can scratch and/or react negatively to the acrylic polyurethane finish.

DON'T allow water to stand on your floor for any length of time.

DON'T walk across your floor in high heels or with any sharp object protruding from your shoe. **INDENTIONS, INDENTIONS, INDENTIONS!**

DON'T allow furniture to rest on the floor on small metal tips or hard domes.

DON'T use lamb's wool or a colored pad to buff your floor.