

CARE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDE



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WOODS**

AUTHENTIC FLOORING



REGULAR MAINTENANCE

- Regularly vacuum or dust mop your floor to prevent sand or abrasive dust buildup that can scratch the floor finish.
- Wipe up spills and spots immediately with a damp cloth.
- One to four times a year, mop your floor with M&W Revitalizer. This will introduce a small amount of oil into the floor to freshen it and extend the time before a re-oiling becomes necessary.
- If cleaning more than four times per year becomes necessary, use M&W Soap Concentrate. Please remember to still mop with M&W Revitalizer twice a year.
- **DO NOT** use ammonia or oil-based wax, polish, household dust treatment chemicals, abrasive cleaners, furniture cleaners to clean your floor.
- **DO NOT** wet mop the floor, as excess moisture may cause damage to your wood floor.
- **Wood floors age.** It's natural. Over time, your floor will change in color as it gains its final character and patina. Some wood species change more than others. So your floor ages uniformly, it's a good idea to move furniture and area rugs from time to time – especially in areas exposed to direct sunlight.

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

- Place high-quality floor mats and area rugs near outside entrances to prevent dirt, sand and other unwanted substances from being tracked directly onto the flooring. Also, if you have wood flooring in your kitchen, a throw rug with a soft or felt backing should be placed in front of the sink area to catch spills and splashes.
- Attach felt floor protectors on movable furniture, including chairs, tables, sofas, etc. that sit directly on the floor.
- Keep pet nails trimmed and filed in order to minimize excessive wear.

SOAP CONCENTRATE

M&W Natural Soap is a purpose-made quality soap, which due to its nourishing properties quickly closes wood pores and protects against dirt and the penetration of liquids. Natural Soap is ideal for cleaning and maintenance of all oiled wood surfaces.

Due to the nourishing properties of the Natural Soap the surface is given optimum protection.

Directions for use:

Coverage: 3450-4300 sq. ft. per liter

Pour 3 ounces of soap into 1 gallon of water.



Cleaning Tools: Swep Mop, (2) Buckets

Application: For best results, use two buckets. One with the soap solution and the second with clean water to rinse the dirty mop. Make sure to shake the soap concentrate well, to ensure that pigments are thoroughly mixed. Damp-mop surface with a well-wrung mop.



Quick Recap:

1. Natural Soap is shaken carefully before use.
2. Mix a cleaning solution with 1/4 cup Natural Soap per gallon of lukewarm water.

It is recommended always to work with 2 buckets: one with soapy water and one with rinse water.

3. Always wipe the floor with soapy water with a wrung-out mop in order to re-establish the protective Natural Soap film.

4. Remove dirty soapy water with a wrung-out mop or cloth and rinse out in bucket of rinse water.

MAINTENANCE OIL

Enhances the beauty of your oiled wood floors by deeply penetrating the wood and bonding to it at the molecular level – leading to stronger wood that retains its texture and color. Over time, the oil will produce a natural sheen from wear and polishing as the wood ages.

- Can be used on all types of oiled wood floors.
- Delivers a natural glow to your wood floors. Once the floor is completely dry, the shine can be enhanced by buffing the floor with a soft pad or buffing machine.
- Provides additional hard-wearing protection in your floor's upper pore layer while also producing a natural finish that highlights the wood's grain and color.
- Contains no solvents or hazardous chemicals.
- Produces a light, pleasant scent.
- Can be applied by hand with a clean cloth or mop, lambswool, or paint roller – all of which can be washed with soap and water for reuse.

Directions for use:

Coverage: 400-450 sq. ft. per quart (37-41 m² per liter).

Pour 4 ounces of oil for every 50 sq. ft.

Application:

1. Damp mop the floor with M&W Floor Cleaner, Let the floor dry completely. This is a mandatory step that deep cleans the oiled wood surface and preps it for oiling.
2. Shake oil container well before and during use.
3. Apply approx. 3 ounces per 40-50 sq.ft. on to the floor and polish the oil by hand (use a white pad) or with a floor buffer and white floor pad.
4. M&W Maintenance Oil must be polished into the wood. Continue polishing until the wood appears saturated and the surface looks uniform.
5. Polish off all excess oil from the floor using cotton terry cloths either by hand or attached under the floor machine white pad before proceeding with the next section of floor to be finished. Hand wipe all edges and corners. The floor should not appear wet and no excess oil should be left on the surface.
6. When using a floor machine the oil will be pre-hardened after approx. 4 hours and maybe cautiously taken into use. Manually polished floors can be used after 24 hours.
7. Do not expose floor or woodwork to water during the hardening time of 24 hours.
8. After 48 hours the floor may be treated with M&W Natural Soap to provide additional protection.



Use M&W Maintenance Oil every three months to preserve the natural beauty of your floors.

Revitalizer

For regular cleaning and maintenance of oiled hardwood floors use M&W Revitalizer Oil, which helps provide the surface with a protective finish and highlights the natural grain of the wood.

- For use on all types of oiled wood floors
- Gently cleans and maintains floors
- Adds essential oils to nourish wood as it's cleaned
- Helps extend the life of the wood floor
- Contains no solvents or hazardous chemicals
- Light pleasant odor
- Can be applied by hand with a clean mop or lambswool pad

Directions for use:

Coverage: 400-500 sq. ft. per quart (37-41 m² per liter)

Pour 4 ounces of the Revitalizer for every 50 sq. ft. area.

Preparation: Sweep the floor to remove all dirt and dust before treatment.

Equipment: Clean mop or sponge, and a bucket of clean water for rinsing.

Application:

- Shake bottle before using.
- Apply M&W Revitalizer to one small area at a time.
- Wipe lengthwise on the wood surface, following the pattern of the wood, with a clean mop to remove all the dirt.
- Clean the mop periodically by rinsing it in the bucket of water – ringing it out to remove excess water – and continue to the next section. Repeat the process until the entire floor is cleaned.
- There should be no excess Revitalizer left on the surface.
- Let dry. The floor will be dry in 1-2 hours.
- Once the floor is completely dry, buff with a soft cloth or lambswool to enhance shine.



Soap Spray

M&W Ready to use Soap Spray is a safe and effective product that completely cleans your wood floors by gently and effectively removing dust, dirt, and grime.

Application:

- Spray M&W Soap Spray onto the surface and use a clean, dry cloth to wipe dry. The product will not leave a residue.

Maintenance cleaning will help maintain the beauty of the wood surface.

