



## **CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE - LAMINATE FLOORING**

Congratulations on your new Montserrat Laminate Floors! Follow these simple steps to keep your flooring looking its best.

### **GENERAL MAINTENANCE**

- Although our Laminate Flooring is water resistant, it is important to clean up spills immediately.
- Routinely vacuum, sweep, or dust floors using standard cleaning equipment. Do not use treated dust mops, abrasive scrubbing tools, vacuums with a beater bar, and electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms without padding.
- For heavier duty cleaning, use a microfiber mop with clean water or a neutral pH-based cleaner specifically designed for laminate floors. We recommend BONA Hard Surface Cleaner. Do not use harsh cleaners or chemicals on your flooring. Using a steam mop is not recommended as doing so occasionally may lead to dullness of the surface finish.

### **PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE**

This flooring is subject to small impressions and scratches from sharp objects such as heeled shoes, untrimmed pet nails, furniture legs, etc. Please take the following precautions to minimize any effect.

- Place mats at entrances to keep dirt and grit off of your laminate floor. We also recommend placing mats at heavy pivot locations, such as in front of your kitchen sink and stove. Do not use latex or rubber-backed mats that may cause discoloration.
- Use felt protectors for furniture to reduce denting. The heavier the item, the wider the felt protector needed. Rolling, ball type casters (such as those on office chairs) can damage the floor. However, wide, non-staining castors at least 2" in diameter are preferred.
- When moving heavy furniture or appliances, use felt padded furniture sliders made for laminate floors. If you do not have these, place a sheet of masonite or plywood under the piece being moved to distribute the weight and reduce denting or scratching. For light pieces, use a clean blanket or towel under the piece to be moved.
- Prevent damage from other tradework by using rosin paper to cover installed flooring areas. Do not use plastic film or any other type of non-breathing material.

Excessive exposure to sunlight may cause discoloration.

- Avoid exposure to direct sunlight. It is best practice to close your blinds or drapes during peak sunlight hours, as excessive heat and light will subject flooring to fading effects and potential adverse effects.