



Ongoing routine care and maintenance:

1. Regular Cleaning:

Vacuum, sweep, or dust mop your floor at least once a week, or more frequently if necessary. Use a vacuum head with a brush or felt and preferably a wand attachment. Avoid using vacuums with beater bars or hard heads. Consider using a hardwood floor swivel-head mop with a terry cloth cover to remove finer particles of grit and dirt that can act like sandpaper on your hardwood floors.

2. Spills and Spot Cleaning:

Clean up spills and tracked-in dirt immediately. For spot cleaning, apply a no-wax wood floor cleaner onto a clean cloth and gently rub the affected area. Avoid using wax treatments on your urethane-coated floor.

3. Periodic Deep Cleaning:

Periodically, as needed, thoroughly clean your floor with a no-wax wood floor cleaner and a swivel-head mop with a terry cloth cover. Spray the floor cleaner directly onto the floor or dampen the mop and apply it. Make sure to remove any excess liquid as it may damage the wood fibers.

4. Entrance Protection:

Place interior and exterior doormats at all entrances to collect dirt and moisture, preventing them from being tracked onto the floor.

5. Area Rugs:

Use area rugs in front of kitchen sinks, at pivot points, and within high-traffic areas. Avoid using rugs with solid rubber or vinyl backings. Choose rugs made of breathable materials to prevent moisture entrapment.

6. Avoid Water:

Never clean or wet mop your floor with water, as it may cause permanent damage.

7. Avoid Harmful Products:

Avoid using ammonia-based cleaners, acrylic finishes, wax-based products, detergents, bleach, polishes, oil soap, abrasive cleaning soaps, or acidic materials like vinegar on your floor. These products can pit or etch the finish or prevent the proper use of recommended maintenance materials.

8. Protect from Scratches:

Keep animal nails trimmed to minimize finish scratches.

Avoid damaging the floor with shoes that have heel taps or sharp objects protruding from the sole, such as rocks, exposed nails, or gravel.

Refrain from walking on wood floors with spike- or stiletto-heeled shoes, and ensure proper maintenance of spike or stiletto high-heels to prevent damage from the steel heel support.

Do not roll or slide heavy objects directly on the floor. When moving appliances or heavy furniture, use a solid protective covering and gently "walk" the item across it. Carpet or cardboard is not sufficient to prevent surface compression scratches.

9. Furniture Protection:

Use furniture leg protector pads under ALL furniture, and make sure to keep them clean and well maintained. Replace hard, narrow furniture rollers with wide rubber rollers.

10. Maintain Proper Humidity and Sunlight Protection:

Keep the relative humidity in your home between 35% and 55% to prevent excessive expansion or contraction of the wood.

Protect your floor from direct sunlight by using curtains and UV resistant film on large glass doors and windows. Occasionally move area rugs to prevent uneven discoloration under the rug.

By following these routine care and maintenance practices, you can help keep your hardwood floors looking beautiful and in good condition for years to come.