



Quick Tips for Maintaining Your Hardwood Floors

To protect your investment and ensure that your flooring lasts as long as you want it to, simple steps can be taken to maintain the beauty and luster of your new hardwood floors.

Preventative Maintenance

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

- Place walk-off mats 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 and attach “felt floor protectors” to all furniture that will come in contact with your wood floors.
- Keep high heel shoes in good repair. Heels that have lost their protective coating can cause little indentations in any floor surface, even concrete.
- Keep your pets’ nails trimmed.
- Don’t over water your plants. Soils, fertilizers and plant food may have chemicals in them that could damage the finish.
- Soft rubber (shoe soles, toy wheels, etc.) will leave marks on the floor. Most of these marks will rub off easily, but should be avoided if possible.

Wood Floor Maintenance

Knowing your floor and what products were used to finish and clean your wood floor is important. Keeping track of the date (month/year) that the floor was installed, finished, refinished and/or repaired will be helpful to this process.

Vacuum or Dust Mop

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

Cleaning

Wipe up food and other spills immediately using a dampened (not soaking wet) cloth or paper towel. Regular cleaning should be done with a formulated cleaner, available at D-Lux Hardwood Floors, www.dluxfloors.com or other specialty stores. Follow the directions on the bottle for correct application.

No Waxing

Hardwood floors should never be waxed. Avoid oils, waxes or cleaners that have these properties, on your finished floors. If wax or other treatments are applied, it may affect the ability to re-coat the floor in the future.

Re-coat

As your floor begins to show wear and does not clean easily with the formulated cleaner, re-coating is recommended. There are a couple of aerosol products available for minor repairs or touch ups. Though, you’ll want to contact your hardwood flooring professional when re-coating becomes necessary.