

HARDWOOD FLOOR MAINTENANCE TIPS

Hardwood Care: What to do...

Like any floor covering, wood or laminate floors will show signs of wear over time, depending on the size and lifestyle of your family. By observing a few precautions and using the cleaning and maintenance program we recommend, you can expect years of beauty from your floor.

- Vacuum or sweep **daily**, to help eliminate fine particles of dirt and grit that act like sandpaper and will scratch any floor. The vacuum head must be a felt or brush type. Be certain that the wheels of the vacuum are clean and do not damage the finish.
- Remove spills **promptly** using a soft cloth and the recommended Resista Floor Cleaner.
- Keep pet nails **trimmed** and paws clean and free of dirt, gravel, grease & oil.
- Place **protective pads** beneath furniture legs to reduce scratches and dents.
- Use a dolly and **protective sheets** of plywood when moving **heavy objects**, furniture or appliances.
- As added protection, use dirt-trapping walk-off mats at all exterior doors to keep sand, dirt, grit, grease and oil outside.
- Remove shoes with **spiked or damaged heels** before walking on the floor. Spiked or stiletto high-heel shoes may cause denting and related damage to wood or laminate floors due to the extremely high compressive force they generate.
- Exposure to the sun and its UV rays accelerates the oxidation and aging of wood and fabrics. This causes the product to fade and/or change color. It is recommended that you **rearrange rugs and furniture periodically** so the floor ages evenly.
- Area rugs are recommended in front of kitchen sinks, at all pivot points and within **high-traffic areas**. The rugs must be made of a breathable material to prevent moisture entrapment.
- **Replace** hard, narrow furniture rollers with wide rubber rollers.

Hardwood Care: What NOT to do...

- NEVER wet mop your hardwood or laminate floor.
- **NEVER** use a Swiffer WetJet, steamers or sponge mops on your hardwood or laminate floors.
- Do NOT lean back in your chair, as this could cause dents in the floor.
- Do NOT use wax or cleaners that must be mixed with water.
- Do NOT use household cleaners containing lemon oil, tung oil, ammonia, detergents, bleach, abrasive cleaning soaps or acidic materials such as vinegar as these WILL dull the finish and permanently damage the floor.