

# HARDWOOD FLOOR MAINTENANCE

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Properly cleaning and maintaining your floors helps to insure that they will continue looking beautiful for many years to come. Routine maintenance includes sweeping with a soft bristle broom, vacuuming or dusting with a dry microfiber mop.

If you have a prefinished floor with beveled edges, vacuuming is the easiest way to remove dust and debris from between each board. Make sure that your vacuum does not have a beater bar, or that you can turn it off. Using a beater bar on hardwood floors will abrade the surface, causing premature wear.

Clean the floors periodically with a professional wood floor cleaning product recommended by the flooring and/or finish manufacturer. If you're unsure of what kind of product to use, contact your flooring contractor.

## Recommended Maintenance Schedule

Daily	Sweep or dust mop
Weekly	Vacuum using the bare floor setting
Monthly	Clean with recommended wood flooring cleaner
Every 3 - 5 Years	Maintenance coat
Every Few Decades	Sand and refinish

- Do not use vinyl or tile cleaning products on wood floors. Self-polishing acrylic waxes cause wood to become slippery and appear dull quickly.
- Use throw rugs at doorways to help prevent debris from being tracked in and scratching the floor.
- Do not wet-mop or steam mop a wood floor. Water and steam can dull the finish and even damage the wood.
- Wipe up spills immediately with a slightly dampened cloth.
- Put stick-on felt protectors under the legs of furniture to prevent scuffing and scratching. Replace these often as dirt and debris can become imbedded on the pad and act like sand paper on the flooring surface.
- Avoid walking on your wood floors with sports cleats and high heels in disrepair. A 125-pound woman walking in high heels with an exposed heel nail can exert up to 8,000 pounds per square inch. This kind of impact can dent any floor surface.
- Do not slide furniture across your wood floor. Pick up the furniture to move it and to prevent scratches.
- For wood flooring in the kitchen, place an area rug at the kitchen sink.
- Use a humidifier throughout the winter months to minimize gaps.