



TAKING CARE OF YOUR PREFINISHED HARDWOOD FLOOR

DO:

- Wipe up spills immediately.
- Vacuum, sweep or dust mop your hardwood floor once a week or more, if needed. The vacuum head must be brush or felt, and a wand attachment is preferable. **Do not use a beater bar.**
- Clean your floor once a month or more, if needed, with Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner.
- Use door mats at entrances to collect dirt & moisture to prevent them from being tracked on the floor.
- 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.
- Keep animal nails trimmed to prevent finish scratches.
- Avoid rolling heavy appliances and furniture on the floor to prevent surface damage. Use plywood or hardboard underneath these items when moving them.
- Use felt protector pads under all furniture legs.
- Replace furniture rollers with rubber rollers.
- Protect your floor from direct sunlight.

DON'T:

- Do not use any of the following products (**or ones similar in nature**) on your floor: ammonia-based cleaners, acrylic finishes, wax-based products, detergents, bleach, polishes, **Tape**, oil soaps or acidic materials such as vinegar.
- Do not use steam cleaners on your floor. This will void your warranty.
- Do not let water stand on your floor for any length of time—wipe up immediately.
- Do not walk across your floor with poorly maintained shoes, shoes with heel taps or spiked heels, or with sharp objects protruding from your shoe.
- Do not allow furniture to rest on the floor on small metal tips or hard domes.
- Do not use rubber, foam back or plastic mats as they may trap moisture and possibly discolor your floor.
- Do not use vacuums with beater bars or hard heads.

HARDWOOD FLOOR CARE TIPS:

Spills/Spots/Marks and Tracked-in Dirt—Clean immediately by applying Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner and wipe/rub with a terry cloth towel. Stubborn spots may require additional cleaning with mineral spirits (use the same procedure but do not pour mineral spirits directly on the floor) followed by cleaning with Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner. Excess cleaner that does not evaporate immediately should be dried with a clean towel.

Minor Scratches—Use Minwax touch up markers. (From Home Depot or Lowes)

Deep Scratches/Gouges—Individual boards that are damaged can be replaced by a professional flooring installer.

If you have an **OIL FINISH on your floor use the above instructions except be sure to use a cleaner made for oiled hardwood floors. We sell one by Bona and one by DuChateau. Additionally you will need to have your floor oiled periodically.*

Even with proper cleaning after a few years your floor may appear as though it is not looking as clean as it once did and may need to be professionally cleaned. Call us for a recommendation.