



Hardwood Flooring Care & Maintenance Guide

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Acclimation & Environment



Humidity Control

Hardwood is a natural product that expands and contracts with changes in humidity. Maintain indoor relative humidity between 35%–55% year-round.



Use a Humidifier

Especially during the winter months, when heating systems dry out indoor air, use a humidifier to prevent the wood from drying and cracking.



Avoid Excess Moisture

Never allow water or spills to sit on the floor. Wipe up immediately to prevent staining, cupping, or warping.

Cleaning Guidelines



Daily/Weekly Cleaning

Sweep, dust mop, or vacuum regularly using a soft-bristle broom or a vacuum designed for hardwood.



Avoid Water-Based Mopping

Do not use wet mops, steam cleaners, or excessive water.



Use a Recommended Cleaner

Clean with a hardwood-specific cleaner (such as Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner) using a microfiber mop.



No Harsh Chemicals

Avoid ammonia, vinegar, oil soaps, waxes, or abrasive cleaners—they can dull or damage the finish.

Furniture & Surface Protection



Use Felt Pads

Place felt protectors under all furniture legs and regularly check and replace them.



Rugs & Mats

Use area rugs in high-traffic zones and entryways. Avoid rubber-backed mats which can trap moisture.



No High Heels or Spikes

Avoid walking on floors with stiletto heels or cleats which can dent or scratch the surface.



Pets & Children

Trim Pet Nails

Keep pet nails trimmed to prevent scratches.

Mats Near Pet Bowls

Use waterproof mats beneath food and water bowls.

Pets and children can bring joy to your home, but they can also present challenges for your hardwood floors. Taking these simple precautions will help maintain your floor's beauty while accommodating your family's needs.

Seasonal Shifts

Winter (Dry)
Use humidifiers to prevent gaps
between boards

Fall (Changing)
Prepare for drier conditions
ahead



Spring (Changing)
Monitor humidity as seasons
transition

Summer (Humid)
Use dehumidifiers to prevent
expansion

Expect Movement: Small gaps or slight cupping may occur seasonally—this is normal and will adjust as humidity changes.

Climate Control: Using a whole-home humidifier in dry months and a dehumidifier in humid months helps preserve floor stability.

Long-Term Maintenance

Re-coating

Depending on traffic and wear, floors need a professional re-coating every 5–10 years.



Avoid Dragging

Always lift furniture or appliances—never drag them across the floor.



With proper care and maintenance, your hardwood floors can maintain their beauty and durability for generations. Regular attention to these guidelines will help extend the life of your investment.

Contact Information

Questions or Concerns? We're here to help you keep your hardwood floor looking its best for years to come.

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