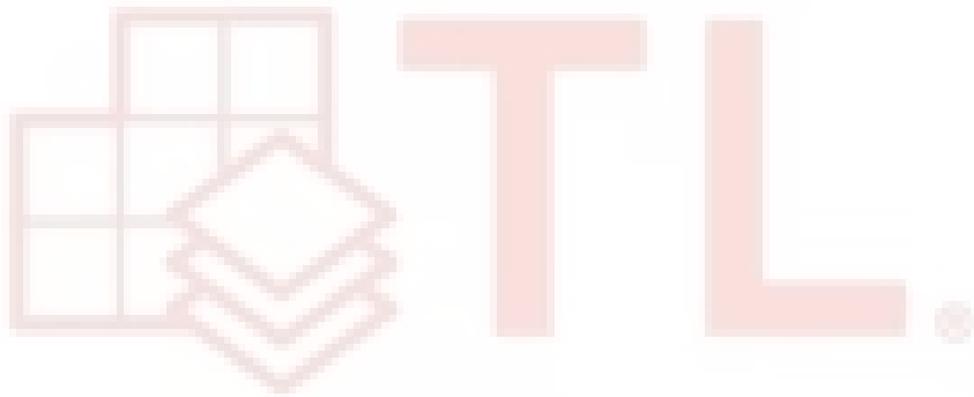


# Laminate Flooring Care and Maintenance Guide

Thank you for choosing laminate flooring from T.L. Floor and Design! To ensure the longevity and beauty of your new floors, please follow these care and maintenance guidelines.



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# Installation Essentials

## Acclimation

While some newer laminate products may not require acclimation, most laminate flooring should acclimate in the room where it will be installed for at least 48–72 hours. Keep the boxes flat and unopened during this period unless the manufacturer's guidelines state otherwise.

## Temperature & Humidity

Maintain indoor temperatures between 60°F–80°F and relative humidity between 35%–65% year-round to prevent expansion or contraction of the flooring.

# Underlayment & Moisture Protection

## Underlayment

Always use an appropriate underlayment beneath your laminate flooring. This provides cushioning, sound absorption, and thermal insulation.

## Moisture Barrier

When installing over concrete slabs, especially in basements, it's crucial to use a moisture barrier to prevent moisture from damaging the laminate. Even if your laminate has a built-in underlayment, adding a 6-mil polyethylene vapor barrier is recommended for added protection.

# Daily Care & Protection

## Cleaning Guidelines

- **Regular Cleaning:** Sweep or vacuum regularly using a soft-bristle broom or a vacuum without a beater bar to remove dirt and debris.
- **Damp Mopping:** Use a slightly damp microfiber mop with a laminate floor cleaner. Avoid excessive water, as standing moisture can cause damage.
- **Avoid Harsh Cleaners:** Do not use soap-based detergents, abrasive cleaners, wax, or polish, as they can dull the surface.

## Furniture & Surface Protection

### Felt Pads

Place felt protectors under furniture legs to prevent scratches.

### Area Rugs & Mats

Use mats at entryways to trap dirt and moisture. Avoid rubber-backed mats that can cause discoloration.

### Heavy Objects

Use wide-bearing, non-staining casters under heavy furniture and appliances.

## Pets & Children

- **Trim Pet Nails:** Keep pet nails trimmed to prevent scratches.
- **Mats Under Pet Bowls:** Place waterproof mats under food and water bowls to prevent moisture damage.

# Long-Term Care & Contact Information

## Sunlight & Fading

### Minimize Direct Sunlight

Prolonged exposure to direct sunlight can cause fading. Use curtains, blinds, or UV-tinted windows to protect your floors.

### Rearrange Rugs & Furniture

Move rugs and furniture periodically to allow the floor to age evenly.

## Long-Term Maintenance

- **Replace Worn Pads:** Check and replace felt pads regularly to avoid scratching.
- **Immediate Spill Cleanup:** Wipe up spills immediately to prevent moisture damage.
- **No Waxing or Polishing:** Laminate floors are designed to stay beautiful without waxing or polishing.

### Questions or Concerns?

We're here to help you keep your laminate floor looking its best for years to come.

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