

FLOOR CARE MAINTENANCE

A little prevention and a few seconds of care and common sense will help keep your hardwood floors looking great. Below are listed a couple of suggestions to care for your floor.

- * If your floor is entered by an outside door, put outside doormats at the entrance. This will keep dirt and moisture from being tracked in from outside.
- * Sweep or vacuum your floor often to remove loose dirt or grit before it can scratch the surface.
- * Wipe up spills as soon as possible, before they get dry or scummy. Remove dried spills with a light cleaner on a dampened cloth or pad. Do not use an abrasive cleaner.
- * Use floor protectors on the feet of furniture to avoid scratches. When moving furniture, be sure to protect floor from scratching or gouging. Certain types of casters on furniture may damage floors. Barrel-type caster wheels or wide flat glides are best for protecting floors. Certain types on furniture may damage hardwood flooring. If you do not have the right type, change them.
- * A humidifier is recommended to prevent excessive shrinkage in wood floors due to low humidity levels. Wood stoves and electric heaters tend to create very dry conditions. A 50% to 55% humidity level is recommended.
- * Spike or stiletto high-heel shoes, especially those in poor condition, may cause denting and related pressure of 1000 pounds per square inch produced by an average size person.

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