

CARING FOR WOOD FLOORS IS EASY



WHEN LIFE GETS MESSY, YOU NEED A FLOOR THAT'S SIMPLE TO CLEAN

WHAT TO DO

- Clean regularly with a broom or dust mop or even vacuum using the bare floor setting to remove dust and dirt.
- Clean the floors periodically with a professional wood floor cleaning product recommended by a wood flooring professional.
- Wipe up spills immediately with a dry or slightly damp cloth.
- Follow the manufacturer's cleaning recommendations.

WHAT NOT TO DO

- Use wet mops or steam mops, which can dull the finish and even damage the wood.
- Use vinyl or tile cleaning products on wood floors. Self-polishing acrylic waxes cause wood to become slippery and appear dull quickly.
- Use wood furniture polish, which can make the floor dangerously slippery, and damage the finish.
- Over-wax a wood floor. If a wax floor dulls, try buffing instead.

Individual maintenance schedules will vary depending on use, wear and tear, and lifestyle, but here are some additional tips for keeping your floors beautiful:

- Use throw rugs at doorways to help prevent debris from being tracked in and scratching the floor.
- Put stick-on felt protectors under the legs of furniture to prevent scuffing and scratching.
- Avoid walking on your wood floors with sports cleats and high heels.
- When moving heavy furniture, pick it up instead of sliding it across the floor.



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

Details on cleaning and maintenance can be found at WoodFloors.org

