

### HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR NEW WOOD FLOORING

# IMPORTANT: Do not use area rugs for 3-4 weeks after refinishing!

# Clean Spills And Keep It Dry

Use a dry or slightly damp cloth to immediately wipe up anything you spill. Avoid wet or steam mops, which will cause damage over time. Because wood swells and shrinks depending on moisture, both on the floor and in the air, it is important to keep humidity levels down to avoid cupping, splitting, and gapping of the wood. The best way to prevent these issues are to clean up spills as soon as possible, to keep your home's temperature between 60-80°F (and between 30-50 percent humidity) and ban wet shoes from the house.

## **Use Furniture Pads**

Scratches are some of the toughest problems to solve in wood floors. While some scratches are inevitable, others are definitely preventable. One of the best ways to prevent them is to add furniture pads to the legs of your chairs, sofas, tables, etc.

# **Sweep Or Dust Daily**

It may seem excessive, but it's a solid recommendation. Even if you have a no-shoes rule in your home, dust forms everywhere, and then settles into the grain and between floor boards.

# **Vacuum Weekly**

Weekly vacuuming is not only key to keeping your home clean, but also making sure any crumbs and dirt you missed while sweeping don't scratch your floors. Use a vacuum cleaner without a beater-bar (brush roll) as the bristles can wear down the finish of the flooring.

### **Use Wood Floor Cleaner Monthly**

There are many safe cleaning products designed specifically for hardwood. We do not recommend using Murphy's Oil Soap, Orange Glow, Pine-Sol, any abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals. Avoid a wet or steam mop. Damp mopping is the best method where you wet the mop slightly by dipping it in the bucket and wringing it out until almost dry. Go over the floor twice, first to dissolve the dirt and the second time to blot the gunk. If you have a prefinished floor it would be a good idea to buff the floor dry with a soft cloth.

Thank you for your business and enjoy your beautiful floor! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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