

Waterproof Flooring

Everyday Care, Repairs & Stain Removal Guide for LVP, WPC & SPC Floors

Waterproof flooring (luxury vinyl plank, WPC, and SPC) is built to handle moisture and daily wear, but a little routine care keeps the surface looking new and prevents scratches or dulling of the wear layer over time.

Everyday Care

- Sweep or vacuum (hard-floor setting, no beater bar) regularly to remove grit.
- Damp-mop with a pH-neutral cleaner made for luxury vinyl or laminate — avoid soap-based cleaners, which leave a dulling film.
- Wipe up spills as they happen; while the surface is waterproof, standing liquid can still seep into seams over time.
- Use furniture pads under legs and wide-base casters on rolling chairs.
- Place walk-off mats at entries to reduce grit and moisture tracked in from outside.
- Avoid dragging heavy or sharp-edged furniture across the floor; lift and carry instead.
- Keep pet nails trimmed to minimize surface scuffing.

Simple Repairs

- **Loose or popped-up plank (click-lock systems):** Gently lift surrounding planks as needed and re-engage the locking edge, working from the nearest wall outward.
- **Minor scratches or gouges:** Use a color-matched vinyl repair putty or wax-fill kit, then smooth level with a plastic scraper.
- **Scuff marks:** Rub gently with a tennis ball, a microfiber cloth, or a melamine (magic-eraser style) sponge.
- **Damaged single plank:** Many click-lock waterproof floors allow a single plank to be swapped without disturbing the whole floor — keep spare planks from the original installation for exact color matches.
- For larger seam separation or subfloor concerns, consult the installer or manufacturer before attempting repairs.

Stain & Spill Removal Guide

Stain / Spill	Recommended Method
General food & drink spills	Wipe with a cloth dampened in warm water and a few drops of mild dish soap; dry with a clean towel.

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Grease or cooking oil	Apply a small amount of vinyl-safe degreaser or diluted dish soap, let sit briefly, then wipe clean and dry.
Ink or permanent marker	Dab with a cloth lightly moistened in rubbing alcohol, then wipe with a damp cloth to remove residue.
Scuff marks	Rub with a melamine sponge or a small amount of baking soda paste, then wipe clean.
Nail polish	Blot (do not rub) with a small amount of acetone-free nail polish remover on a cloth, then clean with mild soap and water.
Crayon or wax	Freeze with an ice pack, gently scrape off with a plastic scraper, then wipe with a damp cloth.

Avoid These Common Mistakes

- Avoid abrasive scrub pads, steel wool, or harsh scouring cleaners, which can dull or scratch the wear layer.
- Skip wax, oil soap, or polish-based cleaners — they leave a residue and haze the finish.
- Don't use excessive heat (space heaters, direct sun through unfiltered windows for long periods) near planks, which can cause expansion.
- Avoid steam mops unless the manufacturer explicitly states the product is steam-safe.
- Don't drag furniture without pads or sliders — this can scratch or gouge the surface.

This guide covers general best practices. For manufacturer-specific finishes, warranty terms, or persistent issues, contact our team for personalized guidance.