

# What to Expect

## Before

Before any work begins, all furnishing, draperies, paintings, and other items will need to be removed from the work space.

For new installations, the wood will need to be acclimated, which varies depending on your selection.

Acclimation time ranges from a few days to two week depending upon the environment.

*\*\*Acclimation is the process of adjusting (conditioning) the moisture content of wood flooring to the environment in which it is expected to perform*

## During

If your floors are being sanded, finished, or refinished be prepared for some noise and disruption.

Dust containment systems can minimize debris, but no system is 100% effective.

Cover or remove any items that you want to keep 100% dust-free.

Once the finish is applied, you **must** to stay off your floors until it has dried.

The time required varies depending on the type of finish used.

**Our technicians will cover this topic with you on site.**

## **After**

### **Congratulations on your new hardwood floors!**

After your finish has dried, put felt pads on the bottoms of any furniture to minimize scratches and dents. As your floor ages, some color change may occur. This is normal but can be minimized by limiting exposure to direct sunlight, and periodically moving your area rugs.

Seasonal humidity changes may cause the wood to expand and contract.

Cracks are normal and will appear and disappear between the floor boards during seasons of high and low humidity.

Flooring inspectors recommend inspecting the floors from a standing position and in normal lighting to identify irregularities.

Finally, keep your wood floors looking their best by properly maintaining them. Maintain fluctuations in home relative humidity to 10% to 20%.

Maintain humidity in the winter at 35% to 55% to help lessen the contraction of your hardwood floors.

Use a cleaning product recommended for your floors and use it regularly to keep them looking beautiful for years to come.

\*\*Refer to 'Wood Floor Cleaning' for recommended cleaners.

*(Information provided by the National Wood Floor Association)*