



## **STEPS TO A WELL MAINTAINED FLOOR**

- **Important! Use** only light water and no cleaning substances on the floor for the first 14 days after installation/coating hardwood floors - it takes 30 days for finish to fully cure •

24 hours after coating hardwood floors:

- Only light traffic, socks only.

3 days after coating hardwood floors:

- Gently place furniture on the floor (do not drag or slide into place).
- Use felt pads/quality floor protectors under all furniture legs, etc.

14-30 days after finish:

- Set doormats/area rugs on the floor (all cotton is best). Use protective material underneath entire rug.

## **HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR HARD WOOD FLOORS**

Cleaning your hardwood floors:

- Vacuum with soft bristle brushes or use an untreated dust mop regularly to minimize abrasive grit and dirt.
- Wipe spills immediately using a damp cloth or paper towel.
- Use water or specialty cleaner from hardwood distributor only.
- Call Scandia for an all natural Wear Max cleaner (spray bottle \$7.99)

What not to use:

- ANY wax or polish products.
- Scrubbers of any kind.
- Floor cleaners.

Tips:

- Use quality area rug/doormats at entrance areas to “catch” dirt.
- Use felt pads for bottoms of chair legs and all other furniture. (The heavier the furniture, the wider the floor protector should be to minimize indentations). Keep bottoms of pads/protectors clean.
- Do not put potted plants on floor surface as they can leak.
- Keep pet’s nails trimmed and filed.
- Rearrange rugs and furniture periodically. Sunlight and direct lighting can change the color tone of wood/finish to varying degrees.
- Keep a steady temperature in your home. Large thermostat changes up or down can cause problems with your wood floors. Keep within 5 degrees.
- Avoid walking across floor in cleats and high heels.
- When moving furniture, etc. put down ¼” sheet of plywood and use an air tire dolly. Never slide or roll heavy objects across the floor.

It is time for a recoat when your floor doesn't clean easily & shows signs of wear. Floors continue to expand and contract with seasonal changes. Keep the temperature in your home regulated (as above) and a humidifier (homes with wood heat) may help.

*Squeaks? Try using a little powdered soap stone or talcum powder between boards where noise occurs.  
Scratches? To hide scratches, try rubbing a walnut (from its shell) into scratch.*

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