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HARDWOOD FLOORING CLEANING AND CARE GUIDE

With today's advances in wood flooring stains and finishes, cleaning your wood floors has never been easier. Regular maintenance requires little more than sweeping with a soft bristle broom and vacuuming with a soft floor attachment if your wood floor includes a beveled edge that could collect debris. You also should clean your floors periodically with a professional wood floor cleaning product.

There are other steps you can take to minimize maintenance and maintain the beauty of your wood floors. By following the recommendations below, keeping your floors in top condition will require a minimum of time.

GENERAL TIPS FOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE

- Always remove spills and spots immediately with a slightly dampened cloth.
- Regularly vacuuming and sweeping the floor removes dirt, dust, and grit and prevents scratching and dulling the finish.
- Life of the floor may be increased by periodically using a proper wood floor finish cleaning product.
- We at Genesis Innovations, llc. recommend Bona floor care products used according to package instructions.

DO'S AND DON'TS OF GOOD FLOOR CARE

Do not become a victim of scrapes and scratches. Wood is a hard fibrous substance. Being a natural product, it is susceptible to scrapes, dents, and scratches. Sharp edges, heavy loads, hard rollers, etc. can all leave their marks on a wood floor, which will inevitably begin to show signs of wear and tear.

The Bona High Endurance UV Finish used on your floor is designed for maximum wear and scratch resistance as well as extra durability. However, the finish is NOT indestructible. To avoid problems before they occur, always follow these Do's and Don'ts:

Always

- Place floor protection under furniture and/or heavy appliances. Put soft plastic or fabric-faced glides under the legs of furniture to prevent scuffing and scratching. Use casters or slip-on floor protectors under all furniture.
- When moving heavy furniture, do not slide it directly on wood flooring. It is best to pick up the furniture completely to protect the wood. If you must slide furniture, place protective material such as an old blanket, a piece of carpet or thick fabric beneath the object being moved.
- Use throw rugs or good quality doormats both inside and outside doorways to help prevent mud, grit, dirt, and other debris from being tracked onto your wood floors. This will prevent scratching and help reduce cleaning time.
- Use a humidifier throughout the winter months to maintain locally recommended indoor temperature and relative humidity levels (60° to 80° F, 35% humidity*) to keep wood movement and shrinkage to a minimum.
- Place throw rugs in high traffic areas to reduce wear and tear of the floor finish and surface.
- For wood flooring in the kitchen, place an area rug in front of the kitchen sink or ice dispensing refrigerator doors.
- Use professional wood flooring products.
- Avoid walking on your wood floors with cleats, sports shoes and high heels. A 125-pound woman walking in high heels has an impact of 2,000 pounds per square inch. An exposed heel nail can exert up to 8,000 pounds per square inch. This kind of impact can dent any floor surface.

Never Use

- Sheet vinyl or tile floor care products.
- Wax conditioners, acrylic wax or oil soaps. Self polishing acrylic waxes cause wood to become slippery and appear dull quickly. If the floor dulls, try buffing instead or refinishing.
- Hard casters or rollers, as they will damage any floor.
- Steel wool or other abrasive materials for scouring and/or burnishing.
- Water, soap or detergents. Do not wet mop a wood floor. Standing water can dull the finish, damage the wood and leave a discoloring residue.
- Ammonia based cleaners and compounds.
- Vinegar or other acetic-based liquids.

WOOD FLOOR OVER RADIANT HEATING SYSTEMS – A FEW PRECAUTIONS

When installed over radiant heating systems, the following precautions MUST be followed.

- Allow two (2) days after installation before turning on radiant floor heating system.
- Gradually raise the temperature of the heating system over a one-week period.
- Follow the above procedure when restarting the system, for instance at the beginning of the heating season.
- Surface temperature of the floor should never exceed 81° F.
- Constant interior humidity* levels of 35 to 45% must be maintained throughout the year. If necessary, use humidifiers or fans.

BonaKemi, maker of the finish used on your hardwood floor, manufactures a complete line of wood floor care products. These products are compatible with the floor finish and are available at many home improvement centers, grocery, and hardware stores. Please visit the Bona website at www.bona.com for product information and a list of retailers in your area.

* Please Note: Recommended humidity levels are for Colorado. If your floor has been installed outside Colorado, call our floor sales unit for recommendations for your area.