

Engineered Hardwood Flooring Care & Maintenance Guide

Engineered hardwood flooring offers the beauty of natural wood with enhanced durability and stability. To keep your floors looking their best for years, follow these essential care and maintenance guidelines.

Routine Cleaning

Regular cleaning prevents dirt, dust, and debris from scratching or dulling the finishing of your engineered hardwood floors.

Daily & Weekly Maintenance:

- ✓ **Sweep or Dust Mop Daily** – Use a soft-bristle broom or microfiber dust mop to remove dust and dirt.
- ✓ **Vacuum Weekly** – Use a vacuum with a **hard floor attachment** (no beater bar) to clean hard-to-reach areas.
- ✓ **Damp Mop When Needed** – Use a **slightly damp microfiber mop** with a **pH-neutral hardwood floor cleaner**. Avoid excess water, as moisture can seep into the wood and cause damage.

What to Avoid:

- ✗ Harsh cleaning agents like ammonia, bleach, or abrasive cleaners.
 - ✗ Steam mops or excessive water, as moisture can weaken the wood and cause warping.
 - ✗ Wax-based or oil-based cleaners, which can leave a sticky residue.
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Preventative Care

Proper protection helps extend the life of your engineered hardwood floors and prevents unnecessary wear.

- ✓ **Use Floor Mats & Rugs** – Place mats at entryways to trap dirt and moisture. Use rugs in high-traffic areas for added protection.
- ✓ **Maintain Indoor Humidity** – Keep indoor humidity level low to prevent expansion and contraction of the wood.
- ✓ **Protect from Furniture Damage** – Attach **felt pads** to the bottom of furniture legs to prevent

scratches and dents. Avoid dragging heavy furniture.

✓ **Limit Direct Sunlight** – Prolonged sun exposure can cause discoloration. Use curtains or blinds to reduce UV exposure.

✓ **Wear Soft-Soled Shoes Indoors** – Avoid walking on the floor with high heels or cleats, as they can cause dents and scratches.

Dealing with Spills & Stains

Act quickly to prevent permanent damage.

✓ **Wipe Spills Immediately** – Use a dry or slightly damp cloth to clean up liquid spills. Avoid letting moisture sit on the surface.

✓ **For Stubborn Stains:**

- **Food, wine, or pet stains** – Use a hardwood-specific cleaner and a soft cloth.
 - **Grease or oil stains** – Apply a small amount of dish soap mixed with water, then wipe dry.
 - **Scuff marks** – Rub gently with a tennis ball or a soft cloth dampened with a bit of baking soda and water.
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Long-Term Maintenance

✓ **Recoat as Needed** – Over time, engineered hardwood floors may require a fresh **topcoat or refinishing**, depending on wear and tear. Follow manufacturer recommendations.

✓ **Avoid Excessive Moisture** – If your home is prone to high humidity or spills, consider using a **dehumidifier** to maintain optimal conditions.

✓ **Schedule Professional Care** – If your floor has deep scratches, worn areas, or damage, consult a professional for refinishing or repair options.

By following these care and maintenance tips, your engineered hardwood floors will maintain their elegance and durability for years to come!