

Next Floor® Engineered Hardwood Care & Maintenance

Maintenance

All good maintenance procedures consist of thorough dirt and grit control, removal of spills and the protection of the floor surface. Walk off mats can help considerably reduce the amount of grit brought in by foot traffic. Sweeping, dust mopping and vacuuming all help to control grit. Spot cleaning and damp mopping will remove most spills and stains. The local conditions of your area will determine specific maintenance needs. Prepare an appropriate maintenance program that meets the needs of the specific installation. High usage areas will require more frequent maintenance than areas with less foot traffic.

Care for Immediately After Installation

- Remove all loose dirt by sweeping, dust mopping with a dry microfiber mop, or vacuuming with a suitable domestic vacuum cleaner (ensure the smooth flooring setting is selected).
- Always protect the flooring when returning heavy furniture and appliances back into place and avoid dragging objects across the flooring. Install wide, non-staining floor protectors on all movable and/or heavy furniture. Heavier objects wider protectors.
- Remove any residual adhesive from the surface following the adhesive manufacturer's instructions for hardwood flooring.
- If the floor was installed by the glue down installation method, allow the floor to dry overnight before permitting foot traffic and keep heavy rolling loads off the floor for a minimum of 48 hours.

Preventive Care / Routine Maintenance

- Maintain climate control settings between 60°F and 80°F and 35% to 55% relative humidity at all times.
- Floor protectors should be placed under all legs or corners of furniture or heavy objects placed on top of the flooring to prevent scratching and denting.
- Check the protectors on movable furniture periodically for grit and wear and replace when necessary.
- Do not slide or drag objects across the floor as doing so may scratch and/or dent the flooring.

- Protect the flooring from direct sunlight exposure as UV light can change the appearance of the flooring.
- Place mats at all outside entrances to prevent dirt, grit, water, snow, or ice from being tracked onto your floor. Always confirm compatibility with mat supplier before using any mat.
- Sweep (with soft bristle brooms only), dust mop (dry) or vacuum (without beater brush) as required to remove loose dirt, sand and grit from your floor.
- Clean up spills promptly by blotting with a clean dry cloth or towel. Do not allow spills to remain on the floor for a prolonged period.
- Damp mop the floor periodically (as required, and only after sweeping etc. to remove all loose dust and dirt) with a neutral pH cleaning solution specifically recommended for use on hardwood flooring and a microfiber mop pad. Always read the cleaning product label to ascertain suitability and always follow the manufacturer's instructions for application.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners or cleaning products that leave residues on the floor, and never wet mop the floor with water using a mop and bucket.

Caution

- Vacuums with any kind of power rotary brush head or beater bars will scratch and damage your Next Floor® Engineered Hardwood flooring and should never be used.
- Steam mops will damage your Next Floor® Engineered Hardwood flooring and should never be used.
- Do not wax or use any oil soap or cleaning product that leaves residue on the floor.
- Avoid shoes with spiked or damaged heels and keep pet's paws and nails cleaned and trimmed to prevent scratching.
- Cigarettes and other hot objects of high temperature can damage (burn) the surface of the floor.