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HARDWOOD FLOOR COMPANY

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CARING FOR YOUR HARDWOOD FLOORS

Simple steps can be taken to maintain the beauty and luster of your hardwood floors. Use floors with care for the first two weeks after application. Allow additional airflow across the surfaces such as open windows or fans to help the floor finish cure faster. General cleaning of your wood floors is recommended weekly. Floors subjected to heavy traffic should be cleaned on a more frequent basis.

General Cleaning Tips

- Wait 30 days after your floor is finished before cleaning the floor with water or replacing carpeting or rugs.
- Use proper floor protectors such as Safeglides felt pads on the legs of all furniture.
- Avoid sliding furniture, boxes, etc. on floors.
- Vacuum or sweep floors regularly.
- Remove spills promptly using a dampened (not soaking wet) paper towel or soft cloth.
- To clean dry spills use a vacuum or broom.
- Place mats at exterior doors to trap sand and grit from incoming traffic.
- Use area rugs on high traffic pathways and pivot areas, at ends of steps, near doorways, etc. All rugs should allow floors to breathe. Avoid rubber-backed or non-ventilated rugs. When rugs are impractical, periodically check for wear.
- Maintain the relative humidity between 40% and 55% because excessive humidity can cause wood fibers to swell, creating cracks in the finish. (See note below for more information on cracks.)
- Always use a damp mop to clean your hardwood floors. Never wet mop a wood floor. Excessive amounts of water can cause your wood floor to swell and cup. A good solution to use when damp mopping your floors is a simple mix of 10 parts water to 1 part vinegar.
- Do not use wax, oil soap, or other industrial or household cleaners on your polyurethane finished wood floor. The use of these products can adversely affect the appearance of the finish and make refinishing difficult.
- Avoid over-spraying furniture polish on to floors when dusting furniture. This can make hardwood floors very slick and is hard to remove.
- It is recommended that you never wear high heels on a hardwood floor. Keep high heel shoes in good repair. Heels that have lost their protective cap can cause little indentations in any floor surface. Check soles of tennis shoes for small stones stuck in the treads which could also damage the floor surface.
- As your floor begins to show wear and does not clean easily, recoating is recommended. Contact us when you feel recoating becomes necessary.

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NOTE:

*** Nearly every floor endures some separation between boards. In winter, when homes are heated and the air is dry, wood flooring gives up some of its moisture and therefore shrinks. When that happens, thin cracks appear between boards. <u>This is normal</u>. Once the indoor heat goes off in the spring, and the indoor environment regains moisture, most of these cracks will close up.**

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