

# FLOOR CLEANING GUIDE



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With proper care, wood floors can be beautiful, durable, and timeless. We always recommend following the manufacturer recommendations for cleaning and maintenance. We have also put together these general guidelines to keep your urethane-based finished hardwood floors in excellent condition for many years.

## VACUUM - SWEEP - DRY MOP



Vacuum, sweep, and/or dry mop your floor regularly. Make sure anything you use to clean the floor is non-abrasive. Refrain from using the beater bar attachment on your vacuum as this could scratch your floor. For hard to reach spots, use a soft vacuum floor brush to remove the dirt.

## SPILLS HAPPEN - HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM

Water or other liquid spills can, if ignored, warp, cup, and crown your floor boards. It is important to clean up spills right away.



Wipe up spills right away with a dry cloth.



For sticky spots, use a slightly damp towel and wipe up the spot.

## WHAT PRODUCTS TO USE

As needed, mop your floors using a hardwood cleaning solution. We recommend the following products:

# Bona®

Bona produces a variety of cleaning solutions as well as floor mops and accessories.

[www.mybonahome.com](http://www.mybonahome.com)

# basic®

COATINGS

Basic Coatings produces a residential cleaning product known as the Squeaky™ Floor Care System.

[www.basiccoatings.com](http://www.basiccoatings.com)

# Loba.

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Loba-Wakol's hardwood floor cleaner can only be found by contacting a flooring retailer or wood flooring professional.

[www.loba.de/us](http://www.loba.de/us)

# HOW TO LIVE ON YOUR FLOOR



Place rugs or walk-off mats in heavy traffic areas or near areas which will be susceptible to spills like doorways, kitchens, and laundry rooms.



Outfit your furniture legs with felt padding to eliminate harsh contact and scratching.



Do not walk on the floor in cleats or high heels, as these are likely to leave dent marks.



Use window treatments to block UV rays from affecting the coloration of your floor.



Maintain humidity levels throughout the year by using humidifiers in dry months and air conditioning or dehumidifiers in humid months.



When moving furniture, pick it up to relocate instead of sliding it across the floor.

## REMEMBER, DO NOT USE...



Wet mops or excessive water



Supermarket oil soaps, waxes, or polishes



Straight or diluted ammonia, alkaline products, or abrasive cleaners



In addition, it is generally not recommended to over-apply cleaners. Saturating the floor with cleaners can leave a hazy residue and may eventually break down the finish on your floor.

## PHOTO SENSITIVITY

Many species of wood flooring are photosensitive, meaning direct sunlight will either darken or lighten the boards. Brazilian Cherry and American Cherry have high sensitivity to direct sunlight, whereas Maple and Oak are considered less sensitive. Cherry and other photosensitive flooring species like Birch, American Walnut, and Brazilian Teak will lighten or darken over time. It is recommended that for the first year after the floor is installed, area rugs and furniture are rotated around the room to maintain a similar color across the floor.



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