

HARDWOOD

Each species of natural wood has unique characteristics of grain and color. A real wood floor is forever stylish and adds value to your home. Follow these preventive measures to maintain its life and beauty.

THE NATURE OF WOOD

- Seasonal variation in the climate will cause wood to naturally expand and contract.
- Wood must not be exposed to excessive moisture or dryness. Maintain humidity levels in your home as consistently as possible.
- Natural sunlight may cause discoloration of wood and may cause wood to dry excessively.
- The surface of a hardwood floor can be dented and scratched during normal use. To minimize damage, be careful when moving furniture and appliances. Dropping heavy items can cause dents, and pets' nails can scratch the surface.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

- Avoid exposing wood floors to direct sunlight or bright lights. Shut shades on occasion.
- Install felt runners under furniture and chair legs to avoid scratches.
- Wipe up spills immediately. Place rugs in areas where liquids may spill or accumulate and cause damage.
- When moving furniture, lift to avoid scratching the floor.
- Don't oversaturate when cleaning.

MAINTENANCE & CARE

- Sweep or vacuum regularly. Use a vacuum with a hardwood floor attachment or one in which the beater bar can be turned off to avoid scratching the floor.
- Do not use wax, oil-based soap, or other household cleaners to clean wood flooring.
- Using a proper wood floor cleaner, spray lightly on a dust mop and mop back and forth lengthwise along floorboards. We recommend Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner, available at FLOOR360.
- If your hardwood has an oil finish, other care and cleaning instructions will apply. Please see your manufacturer's care and maintenance form for recommendations.

Did you know?

Humidity levels in the home should be maintained between 35% and 45% by using a humidifier or dehumidifier as needed.

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