

GENERAL TIPS TO KEEP YOUR FLOORING IN SHAPE

You will love the look your new hard surface flooring gives your home. With a few easy precautions, you can enjoy that beautiful look for years. Here are some helpful tips to keep your floors as handsome as the day you installed them.

Keep Doormats at Every Door

Use quality doormats outside each entrance to your home to prevent dirt, sand, grit, and other substances such as oil, asphalt, and driveway sealer from being tracked onto your floor. Beware of mats that could stain your flooring by verifying that the mat is recommended for your specific use.

Take Special Precautions with Heavy Objects

Support furniture or other heavy objects with wide-bearing, non-staining floor protectors or wide-bearing leg bases/rollers. When moving heavy furniture or appliances, put down a clean sheet of quarter-inch high plywood or masonite and use a dolly with wide-base air tires. Never try to slide or roll heavy objects across the floor without adequate protection. Some objects may be too heavy to be moved across a hard surface floor without damaging it.

Close Curtains and Blinds

Close your curtains or blinds where extreme sunlight hits the floor. A combination of heat and sunlight causes most home furnishings and solid surface flooring to fade or discolor.

Routinely Clean Your Floor

Routine care and maintenance are essential to maximizing the beauty and life of your flooring. Over time, normal foot traffic and soiling will cause a change in any floor's appearance. Vacuum (with a beater-bar), dust, mop, or sweep the floor on a daily or weekly basis to minimize abrasive grit and dirt. In very sandy areas or at the beach, you may want to vacuum or sweep more frequently. When using a liquid cleaner, be sure to dry it thoroughly to avoid a film. Read and follow the manufacturer's directions for care and cleaning and for recommended products. Blot up spills and spots immediately, beginning at the outer edge and working toward the center to prevent the spill from spreading.

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