



Home Owner Help

Floor Care Instructions

Use floors with care the first 2 weeks after finish application. We recommend that no furniture be put in the room(s) for at least 2 to 3 days and no area rugs for 2 weeks, as it takes that long for the finish to cure. Depending on the conditions inside, the floor will take from 1-3 months to completely cure. Water and Oil based finishes will be about 70 % cured in 2 weeks, but allow extra time to completely cure.

(Never drag furniture across your new floor, even after it has been completely cured) Until the finish has cured, use extra caution and tread lightly on your new floor. Additional airflow across the surface, such as an open window and/or fans will help the floor cure faster, and also helps to eliminate the finish fumes. For the total health of your floor, be sure to keep your household humidity at a fairly constant level from winter to summer, ideally 50% year round.

Dirt and grit act like sandpaper to destroy the protective finish on your floor. Inside and outside doormats as well as area rugs in high traffic areas (in front of sinks, stoves, etc.) will help to capture some dirt but not all. A good quality dust mop, one that can be machine-washed, is the most effective tool for removing the fine particles of dust and grit that will grind off the finish. Electrostatic SWIFFER type dusters are also effective, provided that they are dry with no added polish or cleaning agents. To keep your floors looking their best, use a dry, untreated dust mop or SWIFFER daily to weekly, depending on the amount of traffic in your home.

Ultraviolet light can change the color of your finish and wood. It is helpful to drape large windows from the most direct sunlight of the day. Area rugs should be moved occasionally to help maintain an even color in your floor. Use area rugs with backings that allow the floor to “breathe” and are safe for hardwood floor finishes.