



HOW TO CLEAN YOUR LAMINATE FLOORS

Wondering how to clean laminate floors and keep them looking great for years? While your laminate floors may look as good as hardwood floors, that doesn't mean you should clean them the same way. The best way to clean laminate floors is not the same method you would use to make those oak planks shine. Laminate floors need special care because unlike hardwood, the surface can't just be refinished in the case of stains or damage. Whether you have new laminate floors or just want your existing surface to look as good as the day it was installed, here's how to clean laminate floors like a pro.



Read the Care Instructions That Came With Your Flooring

Before you get cleaning, consult the manufacturer's instructions for your floors. The brand may have specific recommendations based on the materials used. Most companies have detailed product guides and instructions on how to clean laminate floors on their websites. Of course, you can always ask one of our Flooring Experts.





Don't Let Stains Linger on the Floor

Tackle spills as they happen. The best way to avoid stains is to wipe up spills immediately. Liquids can damage laminate floors, so it's critical to minimize exposure to them.



Don't Use Abrasive Tools

Laminate floors can scratch, so steer clear of anything abrasive (steel wool, for example). You'll want to use a soft-bristle broom or dust mop to sweep up debris. If you use a vacuum cleaner, be careful to use an attachment without a beater bar or rotating brush, which could scratch the surface.





Do (Carefully) Mop Your Laminate Floor Every Two Months

To keep your laminate floors fresh, mop them every two months. Damp mops (aka microfiber mops) are gentle enough to use on laminate floors. If you're going to use a regular mop, just wring it out until it's almost completely dry.



Don't Use Too Much Water!

Traditional mopping is a no-no for laminate floors since the water can seep into the seams and cause damage (like swelling or floor bubbling). Pools of water can also cause staining or fading.



Skip Cleaning Products Not Labeled as For Laminate

Oil-based cleaning products can leave streaks and residue or damage the protective sealant of the floors. If you use laminate cleaner, do so sparingly and apply it to the mop or microfiber cloth rather than directly to the floor. Never use wax or polishes on laminate floors.



Don't Forget to Use Mats and Rugs

Dirt that gets tracked in from outside not only makes your floor dirty, but it can also damage the floor. The grit, for example, from a dirty shoe bottom can be one of the biggest enemies your laminate floor faces, as it dirties, dulls, and can even scratch. Stop dirt in its tracks with a welcome mat that offers visitors the opportunity to give their shoes a good wipe.



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