



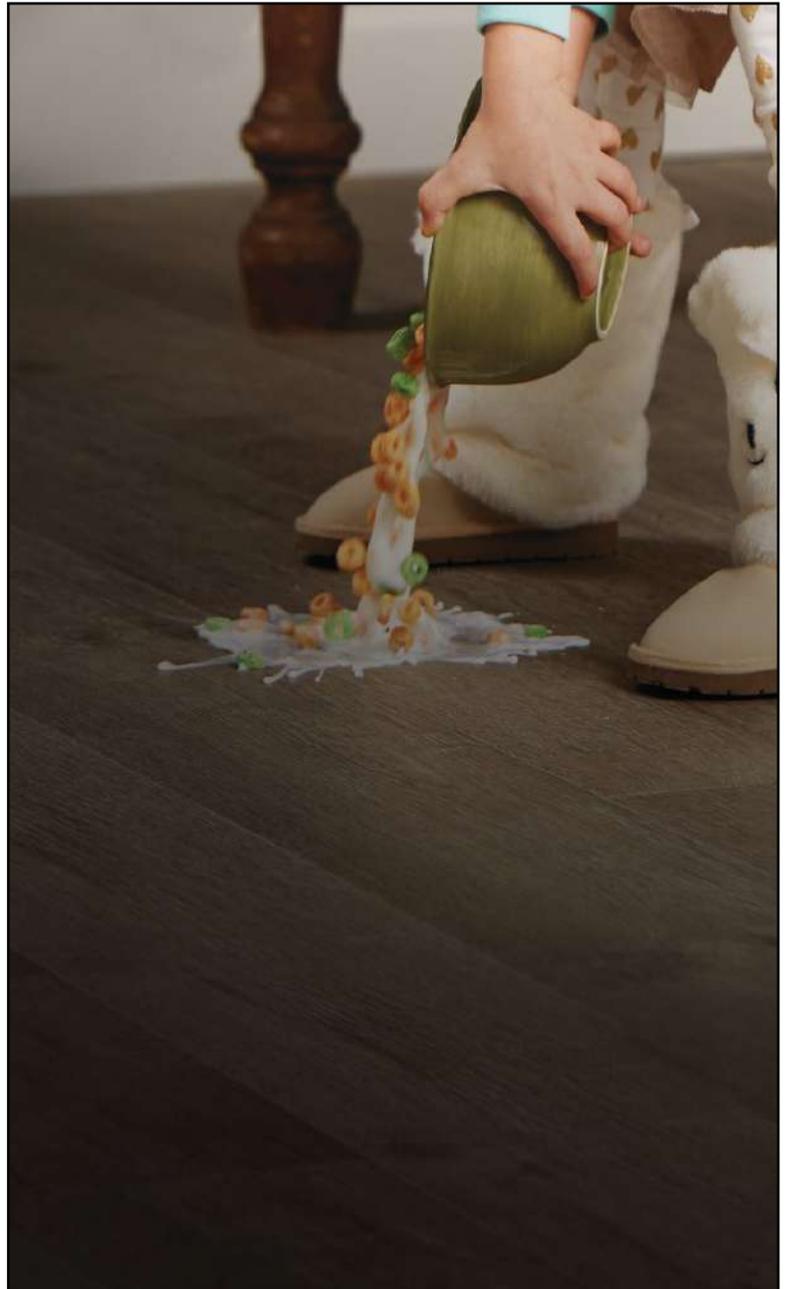
HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR WOOD FLOORS

This is exactly what your engineered hardwood floor maintenance routine should look like, according to the National Wood Flooring Association (NWFA). Follow these simple steps to maintain the “wow” factor every time you time you walk in the front door.



Clean Spills Immediately

Use a dry or slightly damp cloth to immediately wipe up anything you spill, avoiding wet or steam mops, which the NWFA says will cause more damage over time. Because wood swells and shrinks depending on moisture, both on it and in the air, it is important to keep humidity levels down to avoid cupping, splitting, and gapping of the wood. The best way to prevent these issues are to clean up spills as soon as they occur, to keep your home's temperature between 60 and 80 degrees (also between 30 to 50 percent humidity), and ban wet shoes from the house.



You should **never** use a steam mop on wood flooring. Damage will accumulate within a few uses, though often within the first use. The heat will damage the finish and the steam penetrates the wood surface easier than water.



Sweep or Dust Daily

It may seem excessive, but it's a solid recommendation. Even if you have a no-shoes rule in your home, dust forms everywhere, and then settles into the grain and between floor boards. If you have furry friends around the house who never stop shedding, consider it a hygiene issue, too.



Use Furniture Pads

Scratches are some of the toughest problems to solve in wood floors. While some scratches are inevitable, others are definitely preventable. One of the best ways to prevent them is to add furniture pads to the legs of your chairs, sofas, tables, etc.





Use Mats and Throw Rugs

Use mats and throw rugs inside and outside doorways to help prevent dirt, grit, and other debris from being tracked onto the floor.



Vacuum Weekly

As painful as this one also sounds, weekly vacuuming is not only key to keeping your home clean, but also making sure any crumbs and dirt you missed while sweeping don't scratch your floors. Use a soft bristle vacuum or attachment. Not into vacuuming on your own? Invest in a Roomba or similar automated vacuum cleaner.



More Tips

- Do not wax your wood floor. If the floor looks dull, use a manufacturer recommended hardwood cleaner
- Do not wet-mop a wood floor. Water can dull the finish, cause the wood to swell
- When moving heavy furniture, do not slide it on the wood flooring.



Avoid High Heels

Avoid walking on the floor with cleats and high heels.

A 200 pound man wearing dress shoes with a regular heel will exert less than 30 lbs. of pressure per square inch.

A 110 lb. woman wearing high heels exerts in excess of 1,000 lbs. of pressure per square inch. These shoes can dent hardwood floors, chip ceramic tile, puncture carpet and pad, and dent vinyl floors.



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