



Laminate Flooring Care and Maintenance

- Never flood your floor with water.
- use a damp rag to blot up spills as soon as they occur.
- Sweep, dust, or vacuum the floor on a regular basis to prevent the accumulation of dirt and grit that can scratch or dull the floors finish. A more frequent dust mopping or vacuuming may be needed in sandy areas.
- Clean the floor with products specifically made for Laminate Floors.
- **DO NOT** wash or wet mop the floor with soap, water, oil-soap detergent, or any other liquid cleaning materials as may leave a dull finish on your floor.
- **DO NOT** use abrasive cleaners, steel wool, or scouring powder as these products may scratch your floor.
- **NEVER** polish, wax, sand, or lacquer your laminate floor.
- For spots such as wax, chewing gum, and other similar substances harden the items with ice and then gently scrape the floor with a plastic scraper, such as a credit card. For spots caused by smoking, asphalt, shoe polish, paint, crayon ink, nail polish, dried food, and other like items dampen rag with alcohol or nail polish remover and spot clean.
- For spots such as wine, juice, grease, or chocolate dampen rag with recommended laminate cleaner and spot clean.

LAMINATE FLOOR PROTECTION

- use entry mats - they will help collect dirt, sand, grit, and other substances such as oil, asphalt, or driveway sealant that may be otherwise tracked onto your floor.
- Avoid excessive exposure to water during periods of inclement weather.
- Keep animals nails trimmed to prevent them from marking your floor.

- Never attempt to slide heavy objects across your laminate floor.
- The use of wide bearing and/or non staining floor protectors will minimize the chance of scratches and indentations from heavy objects. As a rule, the heavier the object, the wider the floor protector.
- Protective matting should be used for furniture or chairs with castors.
- Attempt to maintain an indoor relative humidity level between 35% and 70% over the course of the year in an effort to minimize the expansion and contraction of your laminate. During the dry heating season use of a humidifier is sometimes recommended to help prevent excess shrinkage often caused by the use of wood stoves and electric heating systems. Conversely, during the wet not heating season the use of a dehumidifier or turning your heat on will assist in maintaining humidity levels thus preventing expansion.

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