

Care tips for polyurethane varnished flooring

Preventative Maintenance

- Take off shoes at exterior doors. Especially avoid walking on your wood floors with cleats, sport shoes and high heels.
- Keep grit off the floor. Use dirt-trapping or walk-off mats at all exterior doors.
- At high spill locations and at work-stations use area rugs; preferably cotton since it is easily washed. For wood flooring in the kitchen, place an area rug in front of the kitchen sink. Don't use rugs with plastic lamination or rubberized backings.
- Vacuum regularly; as often as you vacuum carpets. Use only vacuums that have a special hard-surface setting.
- Sweep or use a dust mop daily or as needed. You also should clean your floors periodically with a professional wood floor cleaning product recommended by a wood flooring professional.
- Never damp mop with water.
- Sunlight can cause uneven appearance. Move area rugs occasionally and use drapes on large windows.
- Put fabric glides on the legs of your furniture. Clean the glides regularly since grit can become embedded in them. Avoid furniture rolls made out of hard materials such as metal or hard plastic. Grey, non-marking rubber rolls are the best. When moving heavy furniture, do not slide it on wood flooring. It is best to pick up the furniture completely to protect the wood flooring.
- Wipe up food and other spills promptly with a dry cloth or paper towel. Use a slightly damp cloth for sticky spills if necessary.
- Keep pets' claws well trimmed to avoid scratches to the floor.
- Use a humidifier throughout the winter months to keep wood movement and shrinkage to a minimum.

Caring for Surface Finishes

- For a general cleaning of soiled areas, spray the floor with a mild cleaner, follow by wiping up with a sponge mop or cloth pad mop. Dry up the residue.
- Do not apply moisture unnecessarily, vacuum instead.
- Cleaners should be non-abrasive and should not contain Ammonia or Petroleum. Don't use dust cleaners.

Why is Waxing not recommended?

Wax will, in most cases, be slippery. Once waxed, the floor may not be successfully re-coated to rejuvenate it, but will have to be completely sanded down to raw wood to restore the polyurethane finish.

Removing Stains

- Dried milk or food stains: Scrape with a sharpened plastic blade.
- Stains and spots caused by standing water: Use a mild cleaner and buff vigorously with a clean towel.
- Heel marks: Use cleaner to wipe off marks.
- Mold or mildew: If it is on the surface, wipe up with cleaner. If mold is under the finish, re-sanding and finishing is necessary.
- The main residue of chewing gum, crayon, candle wax can be scraped off with a sharp razor blade. Apply ice until the deposit is brittle enough to crumble it off.
- Cigarette burns: Scrape the affected area only with a sharpened plastic blade. Apply a dab of finish where the finish has been scraped away.
- Oil and grease stains: Wipe up with mineral spirits. Buff with a clean pad or towel.

For any kind of repair we recommend hiring a professional.