

EASY FLOOR CARE TIPS

Hardwood Floor Cleaning and Maintenance



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Hardwood floors have been experiencing a resurgence of popularity in recent years. Once thought to be difficult to care for, hardwood floors are now seen as an easy-to-maintain, elegant alternative to tile, vinyl and even carpet. This is largely a result of improvements in the technology of hardwood floor finishes. These new finishes make it easy to keep your hardwood floor looking like new. Just follow these simple maintenance steps:

Regular Dust Mopping

Regular dry dust mopping is an essential part of hardwood floor care. A good quality dust mop such as EasyShineMop™ (available at www.EasyFloorCare.com) is the most effective tool for cleaning dust and dirt off your floor. To keep your floor looking its best, dry dust mop more often on floors with heavy traffic.

Occasional Cleaning

Spills and tracked-in dirt can build up and will require more than just dry dust mopping to remove. We recommend our Gaetano Hardwood Easy Floor Care Cleaner (available at www.EasyFloorCare.com). Lightly mist this eco-safe solution directly onto one of our microfiber mops. With a back-and-forth motion, our cleaner will loosen the dirt and protect the finish. For spot-cleaning, apply our cleaner directly to the area and wipe clean with a terrycloth towel.

Protect Your Hardwood Floors

Place throw rugs in front of sinks in your kitchen and any doors leading outside where heavy traffic and tracking occurs. Do not do this until at least two weeks after the finish has been applied. Chairs, and any other furniture that is moved frequently, should have CarpetGlides™ floor protectors attached to the bottom of each leg to help prevent scratching and wear. Do not wax the bottom of chair legs.

Do Not Wax or Spray Buff!

Water-based finishes require little maintenance, so it is not necessary to wax or polish the floor. Waxes or polishes will actually make the floor harder to clean and cause problems for future re-coats.

Periodic Re-coating

Following a regular maintenance program will preserve the life of your hardwood floor for years. Despite all of their advantages, however, basic coating finishes will not last forever. Eventually, your floor may need to be re-coated. A hardwood floor should be re-coated when the original finish is showing signs of wear, but before it has worn down to the bare wood. Bare wood will be stained by dirt and grime and will need to be re-sanded. Please visit www.GaetanoInc.com or call us directly at 714-536-6942 with any re-coat questions.

What NOT to Use on Your Hardwood Floor

1. Murphy's Oil Soap or any other oil-based soaps
2. Pledge or any other waxes
3. Silicon-based polishes
4. Fantastic
5. Formula 409 or any other solvents
6. Pine-Sol or any other pine-based cleaners
7. Vinegar
8. Ammonia

Gaetano Hardwood Easy Floor Care Cleaner

Gaetano Hardwood Easy Floor Care Cleaner is a non-toxic waterborne cleaner for unwaxed, polyurethane-finished hardwood floors.



For more maintenance tips or to purchase CarpetGlides™ and other Gaetano floor care products, visit:

www.EasyFloorCare.com