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HARDWOOD FLOOR MAINTENANCE

CLEANING

- Vacuum, sweep or dust-mop your floor at least once a week.
 - The vacuum head must be brush or felt, and a wand attachment is preferable. Do not use vacuums with beater bars or hard heads.
 - A microfiber cleaning head is recommended.
- DO NOT use any of the following products (or products similar in nature) on your floor:
 - wax treatments or wax-based products
 - ammonia-based cleaners
 - acrylic finishes
 - detergents, bleach, oil soap, abrasive cleaning soaps
 - acidic materials such as vinegar
 - WATER – water may permanently damage your hardwood floor! Keep water usage at a minimum and clean up water drops and spills immediately.

DAILY USE TIPS

- Do not push or pull anything across your floor, even on blankets, pads, skids, cardboard or rollers.
- Keep relative humidity in your home between 35% and 50%.
- Wipe up spills and tracked-in dirt immediately.
- Use area rugs made of breathable material and without rubber backing in high-traffic and pivot areas, like in front of the kitchen sink, to reduce floor wear. NO RUGS FOR 15 – 30 DAYS DEPENDING UPON TYPE OF FINISH.
- Use interior and exterior doormats at all entrances.
- If you have pets, please consider the following guidelines:
 - Clean up after pets immediately. This includes around water bowls, food dishes, as well as any urine, feces or vomit accidents.
 - Keep animal nails trimmed to minimize finish scratches.
- Do not damage your floor with shoes having stiletto-heels, heel taps or sharp objects protruding from the sole such as gravel.
- Use appropriate furniture leg protector pads or flat glides on all furniture.
- Protect your floor from direct sunlight by using curtains and UV resistant film on large glass doors or windows.
- Change air filters after floor installation is complete.

DID YOU KNOW?

Areas of your home that are exposed to sunlight will “age” in appearance differently than areas that are not exposed to sunlight.

For example, if you leave an area rug in a sun-lit area for a year or two, then remove the rug, you will see the shadow of where the rug had laid for that period of time. This is simply Mother Nature at work.

Take care of your hardwood floors and you will enjoy them for many years!