

MAINTENANCE OF INSTALLED FLOORS

Like all natural floors, wooden floors are sensitive to wet, extreme humidity and extreme temperature variation. Although widely installed in these situations, we do not advise these products are used in wet areas unless good husbandry is observed and direct contact with water is prevented.

In order to maintain the appearance of the floor, placing a quality doormat on both the inside and the outside of entrances are recommended to prevent scratches caused by abrasive grit and dirt.

DO'S:

- Support all furniture and heavy appliances with Felt Pads or Castor Cups.
- Move appliances and furniture into place by sliding them slowly over the floor on a clean piece of carpet turned upside down.
- Place rugs in high traffic areas to make long term maintenance easier and less expensive.

DON'T'S:

- Do not wax pre-finished lacquered floors.
- Do not wet mop the floor.
- Avoid spiked heel shoes, pebbles, sand and other abrasives.
- Do not use soap or detergents on the floor and never pour water directly onto the floor.
- Do not use ammonia based cleaners.

RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE

- For general cleaning, soft brush and vacuum daily to remove all dust and grit.
- Keep all door and floor mats well vacuumed and regularly shaken.
- Wipe up spills promptly with a dry cloth. Use a slightly dampened cloth for sticky spills.
- Should staining occur from food, ink, grease, lipsticks, cigarette burns, crayon, wax and nail polish – the following should be done:-
 - Wipe with a damp cloth first and IF unsuccessful use a mild detergent (ph6-8%).
 - If stain persists then use acetone. Under normal circumstances acetone should be able to remove the abovementioned stains without fail.
 - Avoid however, scrubbing with an abrasive piece of material and using strong detergents.
- *For further information, contact Earth Wood and Stone Ltd.*

Oiled floors should be re-coated, applied very thinly only as required. Alternatively, a wax silicone-free polish can be applied as required.

Hard wax oil may need re-coating after 1/3 years depending on wear or wax as above.

Acrylic coated floors (varnished) only require coating or touching-in, if damage or excessive wear occurs.