

Caring For and Cleaning Your Residential Floor

Cleaning

Wipe up food and spills immediately with a dampened cloth or paper towel. The Ohio Floor Company recommends doing regular cleaning (every two weeks to once a month) with No-Wax Woodwise Hardwood Floor Cleaner. Spray an area 4' x 4' with Woodwise Floor Cleaner and wipe with a terry-cloth mop. You can also spray directly onto the mop head. Make sure not to over-wet your floor; too much liquid will cause damage to your hardwood floors. For best results, buff dry with a towel after cleaning.

Vacuuming

Sand and grit will cause early wear. Regularly vacuum or use an untreated dust mop to help prevent this. Placing walk-off mats by key entry ways and in high traffic areas will also help prevent the spread of such material. If you use non-slide pads under rugs, make sure they are recommended for use on wood floors by the pad manufacturer.

Waxes & Oils

Do not ever wax your hardwood floors or clean them with an oil-treated solution. Waxes and oils can contaminate your floors, creating adhesion and other problems with future recoats.

Floor Protectors

Make sure your chairs and other pieces of furniture have felt floor protectors on them. Without protection, constant sliding and movement will prematurely wear and scratch your floor.

Feet & Paws

Both men's and women's shoes should be properly maintained. Heels with no protective cap can actually dent your floor. Trim and buff your pet's claws often.

Know Your Floor

Remember what products were used on your wood floors. Keep track of the dates (month and year) the floor was installed, finished, refinished, and/or repaired.