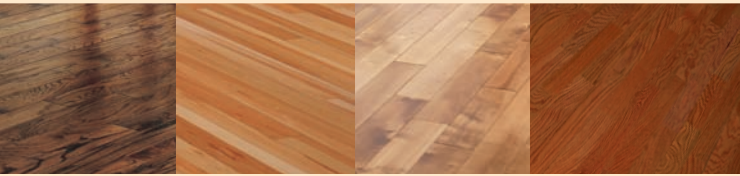




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## Wood Floor Care and Cleaning Guide



### Preventative Maintenance Tips FOR ALL FINISHES

Follow these additional preventative maintenance tips to ensure that your floors stay beautiful for life:

- Never use sheet vinyl or tile floor care products on wood floors. They can cause the wood to become slippery and appear dull.
- Use throw rugs at doorways to help keep dirt and other abrasive debris from scratching your floors.
- Never wet mop a wood floor since standing water can dull the finish, damage the wood and discolor the surface. Be sure to also wipe up any spills immediately. For wax floors, be careful not to over wax a wood floor; try buffing instead to liven up dull spots.
- Place soft plastic or fabric-covered glides under furniture legs to prevent scuffing and scratching.
- Remove cleats, sports shoes and high heels before walking on your wood floors to prevent damage, and keep your pets' claws trimmed.



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# Caring for your Hardwood Floor

When it comes to keeping hardwood floors clean, little more than regular sweeping or vacuuming is required. Use either a broom with a soft bristle or a vacuum with a soft floor attachment to pick up dust & debris.

We also recommend and offer Bona™ brand cleaners and microfiber cleaning pads for our wood flooring products ([www.BonaKemi.com](http://www.BonaKemi.com)) to protect your investment and ensure long-lasting beauty.



## Surface Finishes

Surface finishes are very popular today because they are durable, water-resistant and require minimal maintenance. Surface finishes are blends of synthetic resins, and are most often referred to as urethanes or polyurethanes, and remain on the surface of the wood to form a protective coating. They are generally available in high-gloss, satin and matte finishes.

Floors with a surface finish should be cleaned periodically using a recommended cleaner, like Bona™ hardwood floor cleaner and a soft cloth or microfiber cleaning pad. When cleaning no longer restores the shine, don't use wax. Instead, recoat the floor with a surface finish. How often you will need to do this will depend on the amount of traffic the floor sees.

**Spills:** Wipe up spills immediately with a soft, slightly damp cloth and follow with Bona™ Swedish Formula Floor Cleaner.

**Stains:** For stubborn stains, lightly dampen a cloth with Bona™ Swedish Formula Floor Cleaner and gently rub the stain. Repeat as often as necessary until the stain is removed.

## Wax Finishes

Wax finishes soak into the pores of the wood and harden to form a protective penetrating seal. The wax gives a low-gloss satin sheen. It is generally maintained with additional thin applications of wax. Only solvent-based waxes, buffing pastes or cleaning liquids made specifically for wax-finished wood floors should be used.

Floors with wax finishes should be buffed periodically to restore the shine. But, when buffing no longer works, waxing may be necessary. Use a cleaner and liquid designed especially for wood flooring, and make sure it is solvent rather than water based. Depending on traffic, a properly maintained wood floor with a wax finish should only need waxing once or twice a year.

**Spills:** Wipe up spills immediately with a dry or slightly damp cloth. If necessary, clean with odorless mineral spirits. If the area becomes dull, buffing may be necessary.

**Stains:** To remove white spot stains caused by water, use #000 fine steel wool and a small amount of mineral spirits. Rub gently in a circular motion until the spot is gone, then wax and buff the area.

