

WOOD FLOOR CARE

- **Clean Spills Immediately**

Use a dry or slightly damp cloth to immediately wipe up anything you spill, avoiding wet or steam mops, which will cause more damage over time. Because wood swells and shrinks depending on moisture, both on it and in the air, it is important to keep humidity levels down to avoid cupping, splitting, and gapping of the wood. The best way to prevent these issues are to clean up spills as soon as they occur, to keep your home's temperature between 60 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit (also between 30 to 50 percent humidity), and ban wet shoes from the house. They're kind of gross, anyway.

- **Use Furniture Pads**

Scratches are some of the toughest problems to solve in wood floors. While some scratches are inevitable, others are definitely preventable. One of the best ways to prevent them is to add furniture pads to the legs of your chairs, sofas, tables, etc.

- **Sweep Or Dust Daily**

It may seem excessive, but it's a solid recommendation. Even if you have a no-shoes rule in your home, dust forms everywhere, and then settles into the grain and between floor boards. If you have furry friends around the house who never stop shedding, consider it a hygiene issue, too.

THINGS TO AVOID :

- Do not pour cleaner directly on the floor.
- Do not use a wet mop that can leave excess water behind.
- Never use floor wax, oil-based detergent, or any other household cleaner on your floor. These products can damage the finish and leave a greasy film that makes your floor slippery, difficult to maintain, and impossible to refinish without deep sanding and complete revarnishing.
- Do not raise or lower the temperature of a radiant heating system by more than 2.8°C (5°F) per day when turning the system on or off.

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