

Maintenance and Care Guide

Protect Your Flooring Investment with Proper Care

Proper maintenance extends your floor's life and preserves its beauty. This guide covers essential care routines and best practices.

Daily Cleaning

Essential Routine:

- Sweep/h Hoover daily with soft brush attachment
- Damp mop weekly (never wet) with pH-neutral wood cleaner
- Clean spills immediately
- Use microfibre mops and cloths

Never Use:

- Steam mops (excess moisture)
- Vinegar, ammonia, or oil soaps
- Abrasive cleaners
- Wax on pre-finished floors

Spill Response

Water/Beverages: Blot immediately, damp clean, dry thoroughly

Oil/Grease: Blot excess, clean with wood floor cleaner

Pet Accidents: Clean immediately with enzyme cleaner

Sticky Substances: Harden with ice, scrape with plastic card

Remember: Never let liquids sit or use excessive water

Seasonal Care

Winter

- Maintain 30-50% humidity
- Place entrance mats for salt/grit
- Clean salt residue frequently

Summer

- Keep humidity below 60%
- Ensure ventilation
- Watch for cupping/buckling

Year-Round

- Maintain 18-24°C temperature
- Use curtains to prevent UV fading
- Rotate rugs periodically

Preventive Measures

Protection:

- Felt pads on all furniture (replace 6-monthly)
- Quality rugs in high-traffic areas
- Mats at all entrances
- Protective mats under office chairs

Best Practices:

- Lift furniture when moving
- Trim pet nails regularly
- Consider no-shoes policy
- Control humidity consistently

Long-Term Maintenance Schedule

Annual: Professional deep clean, inspect for damage, re-coat high-traffic areas if needed

3-5 Years: Screen and re-coat - light sand and new finish coat

10-20 Years: Full sand and refinish - complete restoration

Quick Troubleshooting

Scratches: Use colour-matched wax stick for minor, professional repair for deep

Squeaks: Talcum powder between boards

Cloudiness: Strip product buildup with approved remover

Gaps: Normal if under 2mm and seasonal

Fading: Rotate furniture, add UV window protection

Recommended Products

- **Daily:** Bona Wood Floor Cleaner, Method Squirt + Mop
- **Spot Treatment:** Weiman Wood Polish, colour-matched wax sticks
- **Deep Clean:** Bona PowerPlus System, professional orbital buffer

The Bottom Line

Consistent daily care prevents major repairs. Control your environment, address issues promptly, and schedule professional maintenance every few years. When in doubt, consult your flooring manufacturer's care instructions or contact a professional.