



SPC VINYL FLOORING MAINTENANCE

Residential Maintenance Guidelines

Protection & Maintenance of Your Floor

- Lasting beauty can be achieved through purchasing a quality floor covering and providing proper on-going maintenance. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the floor to remove all loose dirt and grit. Do not use treated dust mops.
- Clean the floor using a properly diluted Neutral pH cleaner in cool water or ready to use spray cleaner that will not leave a residue such as Bona Professional Series Stone, Tile, and Laminate Cleaner. Follow label instructions.
- Furniture should be moved onto the newly installed floor using an appliance hand truck over hardboard runways.
- Avoid exposure to long periods of direct sunlight. Close blinds or drapes during peak sunlight hours. Floor covering subjected to excessive heat and light is subject to thermal degradation. Use appropriate precautions to minimize potential effects on the floor covering.
- Do not expose floors to temperatures exceeding 140° F. **Steam cleaning any vinyl plank floor will void the warranty. The heat produced by the cleaning device may damage the vinyl, causing it to warp, bend, delaminate or dull the finish.**
- Oil or petroleum-based products can result in surface staining. Do not track asphalt-driveway sealer or automobile-oil drips onto the vinyl floor covering.
- Caster wheeled chairs should have wide, rubber casters. Protective mats are required under office chairs.
- Frequently moved furniture should be equipped with felt pads to avoid scratching the floor. Heavy furniture and appliances should be equipped with non-staining large surface floor protectors. Furniture with castors or wheels must be easy swiveling, large surface non-staining and suitable for resilient floors. Do NOT use ball type castors as they can damage the floor.
- Use non-staining floor protectors under heavy furniture, chairs, and tables.
- Use non-staining walk off mats at entrances to prevent dirt and grit from being tracked on to the floor. The single greatest cause of damage to any flooring or floor finish is abrasion from dirt and grit.
- Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to remove loose dirt. Do NOT use vacuums that use a beater bar or turn beater bar off.
- Do NOT use electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms or padding.
- Clean up spills immediately.
- Damp mop as needed using clean water and a diluted floor cleaner. Do NOT use harsh cleaners or chemicals on the floor. DO NOT use abrasive scrubbing tools. Do NOT use detergents, abrasive cleaners or “mop and shine” products.
- Vinyl Flooring, like other types of smooth floors, may become slippery when wet. Allow time for the floor to dry after washing.
- Immediately wipe up wet areas from spills, foreign substances, or wet feet.

Newly Installed Floor Care

- Always use plywood or other boards when moving heavy objects across the floor.
- Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the floor to remove all loose dirt and grit.
- Lightly damp mop with well wrung mop.