



WIZARD OF WOOD FLOORING, LTD.

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FLOOR CARE INSTRUCTIONS For Water-based Urethanes

Periodic Recoating

Following a regular maintenance program will preserve the life of your hardwood floor for years. However, despite all of their advantages, hardwood floor finishes will not last forever. Eventually, your floor may need to be recoated. A hardwood floor should be recoated when the original finish is showing signs of wear but before it has worn down to the bare wood. Bare wood will easily become stained by dirt/grime and will need to be resanded. A wood floor professional should be consulted when recoat questions arise.

Protect Your Floor

Place throw rugs in front of sinks in the kitchen and at any door leading to the outside where heavy traffic and tracking occurs. However if the floor has just been coated, you must wait at least two to three weeks after the finish has been applied. Chairs and any other furniture that is frequently moved should have floor glides attached to the bottom of each leg to help prevent scratching and wear. Do not wax the bottom of chair legs.

Routine Maintenance

FLOORS SHOULD NEVER BE WAXED OR SPRAY BUFFED! Use a vacuum cleaner, **untreated** dust mop or electric broom. Never use spray type dusting aids. Two weeks after initial application, you may use a clean, damp cloth or mop. Use one gallon of lukewarm water to 2 tablespoons of powdered dishwasher detergent to clean your floors. Do not use more vinegar than the recommended amount. To keep your floor looking its best, dust mop or vacuum at least twice a week. Water-based urethane finishes require little maintenance, so it is not necessary to wax or polish the floor; actually, the use of these products will make the floor harder to clean and cause problems with future recoats!

Occasional Cleaning

For stubborn spot cleaning use a mild cleaner diluted with warm water and a sponge or soft cloth. After sponge cleaning, wrap a dry towel around a broom and wipe across the floor. The cleaner solution will loosen the dirt and the towel will remove it. The recommended cleaning solution is: 2 tablespoons of powdered dishwasher detergent per gallon of water. (Use only these amounts as more cleaner does not mean better performance.)

Do not use the following products on your floor:

- Murphy's Oil Soap or any other oil soap
- Paste wax, Pledge or silicone-based polishes
- Fantastik, Formula 409 or any other solvent cleaner
- Pine-based cleaners like Pine-Sol
- Ammonia

Questions

WIZARD OF WOOD FLOORING, LTD. appreciates your business and wants to make sure that you are satisfied! For any questions regarding your wood floor, please contact us at 847-540-9500.