

M FLOORING MAINTENANCE GUIDE



WOOD FLOORING

Branded Wood Floors should be installed & maintained in line with manufacturers' specific instructions. However, please below find general wood floor care instructions & best practice to keep your wood looking it's best... feel free to contact us with any specific enquiries you may have regarding the upkeep of your particular type of floor.

General Wood Floor Care:

Sweep or Hoover wood floors regularly to keep them clean (grit & dirt have a detrimental effect on timber, acting like sandpaper over a period of time). Alternatively, dust your floor regularly with a microfiber cloth.

Install Mats or Mat wells at external entrances to trap moisture & dirt, and turn off beater-brushes on hoovers wherever possible.

Protect your wooden floor by placing felt pads underneath the feet of furniture, lift items to move them & be conscious of anything with wheelie feet!

Place houseplants that are on your floor in water-impermeable pots...
Rule number one for wood floors... Be careful with water!

Damp cleaning can be done using a suitable wood floor cleaner (we recommend & stock Fiddes Floor Surface Cleaner), using a well wrung out mop or cloth. Be careful not to saturate your floor, ensuring excess water does not sit in the joints, or have opportunity to get underneath the floor.

Wipe up liquids & spillages promptly; modern day finishes are pretty durable, but left for significant periods of time are not entirely impermeable... negligence could result in moisture penetrating through the surface layer, leading to stains & the need to refinish your floor.

Never use abrasive or corrosive products on your floor (be careful with supermarket cleaners, which often containing strong alkalis) & ensure the temperature & humidity in the room remains within acceptable levels. Never ever use a steam cleaner on a wooden floor!!

Lacquered finishes rarely require any additional treatment post installation, other than regular cleaning.

Oiled Floors require their finish “topped up” from time to time to keep them at their optimum (how often so depends upon the amount of wear the floor receives, but generally it would not be unreasonable to expect to do want to do this once every years or two). Refer to the manufacturers details on how to do this, or by all means give us a call for advise.

It can also be best practice to top coat oiled floors in situ, post installation (to offer an additional layer of protection). Again, this depends on the type of finish used during production & the desired aesthetic of the end result... Natural Oils for example can be top coated post installation with more durable Hardwax Oil, whilst Invisible Oiled floors can be sealed with a further coat of Osmo Raw Oil or Fiddes Oak Lightening Oil. Thereafter, this process can then be refreshed every year or two to keep your wood floor looking tip-top.

Alternatively, maintenance waxes can be used periodically to polish your oiled wood floor (say every 2-3 months, depending on wear). We recommend & stock Fiddes floor wax for this purpose. Fiddes Floor maintenance wax can be applied using a lint free cloth around a broom, a wood floor applicator, or a wood floor buffer... leave to dry for 10-15minutes, then gently polish to the desired level of sheen.

Be sure to remove any maintenance wax from your floor prior to applying any further coats of Hardwax Oil in future.

Best Regards

The M Flooring Team!