

LON'S MAINTENANCE TIPS



Hardwood flooring is an investment that will last a lifetime. Hardwood is the top choice for floor surfaces because they are so easy to live on, but remember they still need to be maintained. Maintenance for hardwood flooring is easy as long as you follow these simple steps.

1. Vacuum or sweep to remove loose dirt. A central vac system or soft attachment on a vacuum cleaner is the easiest way to pick up any loose dirt. Make sure you are not using the beater bar on your vacuum cleaner!
2. Using an approved cleaner specifically formulated for hardwood floors - spray a light mist of the hardwood floor cleaner on a small section of the floor. The spray bottle is ideal because it controls the amount of solution applied to the floor. Too much water is not good for your hardwood floor. Use a hardwood mop or rag to clean the area. Continue to clean one area at a time. Do not attempt to spray and clean a large area at once. Mop Kits are available which include a mop, 32 oz spray bottle of cleaner and a washable terry cloth or microfiber mop cover.

Remember to:

- Use protector pads underneath chairs and heavy furniture. Floor guards are also available for under heavy appliances.
- Replace any plastic wheels with rubber wheels.
- Place mats by exterior doors and in high traffic areas. Use rugs that allow the floor to breathe. Avoid rubber backed mats.
- Maintain the relative humidity in the areas with hardwood flooring. Excessive swings in humidity can cause the flooring to crack or expand. Dehumidification systems are recommended in the summer and humidification systems in the winter. The recommended range in relative humidity is 35% - 50%.

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