

# Cleaning and Maintenance Guide for UV-Prefinished Hardwood Floors

Proper maintenance of your UV-prefinished hardwood floors is essential to preserving their beauty and durability. While these floors are designed to withstand daily wear, following the recommended care practices will help extend their lifespan and maintain their finish.

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## Preventing Scratches

Although no wood floor is completely scratch-proof, the following measures will help minimize scratches and surface damage:

- **Furniture Protection:** Attach felt pads to the legs of all furniture before placing them on the floor. This will help prevent scuffs and scratches.
- **Footwear Caution:** Avoid walking on the floor with spiked heels or work boots, as these can cause significant damage, even on the hardest wood finishes.
- **Pet Care:** Keep pet nails trimmed to prevent surface scratches.
- **Shoe Cleanliness:** Remove shoes with embedded pebbles or debris in the soles before walking on the floor.

**Note:** Hardwood flooring is designed to endure regular foot traffic. However, excessive wear from impacts or sharp objects is not covered under warranty.

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## Removing Grit and Dirt

Dirt, sand, and grit can act like sandpaper and wear down the finish over time. To prevent damage:

- Use walk-off mats inside and outside all exterior doors to capture dirt before it reaches the floor.
  - Sweep or vacuum regularly to remove dust and debris.
  - Clean or replace rugs and mats frequently, and reposition them occasionally to allow even exposure to light and natural aging.
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## Using the Right Cleaning Products

To preserve the integrity of the factory-applied urethane finish, use only approved cleaning products:

- **Recommended Cleaner:** Bona Swedish Formula Hardwood Floor Cleaner
- **Avoid:** Floor waxes, oil soaps, and petroleum-based cleaners, as they can leave residues that damage the finish.

### Suggested Products Available on Amazon:

- Bona Hardwood Floor Spray Mop Premium
- Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner Refill (128 oz.)
- Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner Spray (32 oz.)

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using cleaning products.

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## Avoiding Moisture Damage

Excess moisture can cause damage to wood flooring. Follow these guidelines to protect your floor:

- **Never wet-mop your floor.** Instead, use a damp mop that has been thoroughly wrung out.
  - **Wipe spills immediately.** Standing water can seep into the seams and cause swelling or warping.
  - **Avoid trapping moisture under rugs.** Ensure mats and rugs are kept clean and dry to prevent moisture accumulation.
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## Re-Coating and Maintenance

To maintain the finish and extend the life of your flooring, periodic recoating is recommended:

- **Screen and Recoat Process:** This professional refinishing service restores the floor's finish without sanding, offering a cost-effective way to refresh the surface.
- **Timing:** Recoat the floor as soon as signs of wear appear to prevent deeper damage.

Consult a flooring professional for the best approach to recoating based on your specific floor type and usage.

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## Minor Scratch Repair

Surface scratches can often be repaired with simple touch-up methods:

- **For minor surface scratches:** Use a stain pen or Tibet almond oil stick scratch remover.
- **For deeper scratches:** Use a blend-and-fill wax pencil to fill in areas where the clear coat has been compromised.
- **For darker floors:** Minwax and Varathane stain pens offer color-matching options for seamless repair.

**Note:** For best results, a combination of these products may be required. Always test in an inconspicuous area before applying to visible sections of your floor.

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## Final Thoughts

By following these care and maintenance guidelines, you can keep your UV-prefinished hardwood floors looking their best for years to come. Regular cleaning, proper protective measures, and timely recoating will help maintain the floor's finish and prevent unnecessary damage.

For additional maintenance advice or professional services, consult a hardwood flooring expert.