

# Floor care tricks and tips

You'll find a few easy maintenance tips below that will help you appreciate the beauty of your Hardwood floor longer.

**Sweep or vacuum regularly** so abrasive dirt won't scratch the finish.

**Wipe up any spilled liquid quickly** from your floor.

**Watch out for high heels** and some kinds of sports footwear, particularly if they're worn or damaged.

*Note: Only water and sand are worse enemies of hardwood floors than high heel shoes. In fact, high heels can damage any floor covering-even cement.*

**Put mats outside** and inside entrances. This will prevent the build-up of sand and dirt on the floor.

**Put mats in front of the kitchen sink**, the dishwasher, and all kitchen work stations to protect your floor from kitchen mishaps like dropped utensils and spills of water, detergent, and food.

**Avoid mats with rubber or other dense backing** that prevent airflow and trap abrasive dirt and moisture.



**Attach felt pads** (Feltac™ or others) to the feet of all furniture to make it easier to move and prevent scratches. Keep the pads clean and replace if damaged.

**Replace plastic casters** with wide rubber or soft polyurethane casters.

**Protect the floor when moving furniture.** Use a mat turned upside down with a slightly smaller piece of plywood on top of it. Place furniture on top and slide it.

**Maintain humidity levels between 40 and 50%**, for your own health as well as for the protection of your floor and wooden furniture.

**Avoid exposing your floor to sunlight** and intense artificial light, which can cause wood to change color. This is a completely normal and natural phenomenon. The lighter the wood, the more pronounced the change will be.

**Move your carpets and furniture occasionally** and use a minimum number of light sources to keep color changes uniform.

**Note: Color change is not caused by the yellowing of the finish; it is a natural change of the wood's color.**

## **Things to avoid**

**Do not pour cleaner**



**Do not use a wet mop** that can leave excess water behind.



**Never use floor wax, oil-based detergent, or any other household cleaner** on your floor. These products can damage the finish and leave a greasy film that makes your floor slippery, difficult to maintain, and impossible to refinish without deep sanding and complete revarnishing.

For hardwood floors laid over a subfloor with a radiant heating system, **do not raise or lower the temperature by more than 2.8°C (5°F) per day** when turning the system on or off.