

VINYL GENERAL CARE AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Proper care and maintenance will help ensure your floor always looks its best. Simply follow our maintenance and prevention steps outlined below.

CAUTION: Most damage to new floors is done when moving kitchen appliances.

Caution should be observed so any heavy objects, particularly kitchen appliances, do not gouge and tear material. **When moving heavy objects into place, always use hardboard or underlayment panels to protect floor.** Use strips of hardboard under feet of appliances as they are moved into final position. Tilt appliance slightly to remove strips. To further protect against heavy, sharp-edged furniture and appliance legs, the use of floor protectors is recommended. Your flooring retailer can help select the right protectors.

Immediately After Installation

- If your floor has seams, then for eight hours after seam application, protect the sealed seams on your flooring. This will ensure proper seam bond. If your seams are disturbed before they're dry, permanent damage may result.
- Maintain room temperature at 65° F (18° C) for 48 hours after installation is completed. This assures proper curing, setting and bonding of products.
- If your floor has been installed with the full-spread installation method, then the adhesive under your floor needs time to thoroughly dry after installation. Therefore, we recommend that you do not scrub or wash your floor for five days.

Caring for Your Floor

- Sweep or vacuum regularly to remove loose dirt, which can scratch your floor.
- NOTE: We do not recommend vacuums that have a beater bar since it can visibly damage your flooring surface. Additionally, we do not recommend electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms with no padding as use may result in discoloration and deglossing.
- Never use highly abrasive scrubbing tools on floor.
 - Wash your floor regularly.
 - Do NOT use detergents, abrasive cleaners, or "mop and shine" products. These products may leave a dull film on your floor.
 - Do NOT use paste wax or solvent-based polishes.
 - Vinyl flooring, like other types of smooth floors, can become slippery when wet. Allow time for floor to dry after washing. Immediately wipe up wet areas from spills, foreign substances, or wet feet.

Proactive protection for your floor

- When moving appliances or heavy furniture, lay a plywood panel on your floor and "walk" the item across it. This protects your floor from scuffing and tears.
- Use floor protectors on furniture to reduce indentation. The heavier the item, the wider the floor protector needed.
- Be careful with rolling casters. They can damage the floor. Therefore, we do not recommend them. If you choose to use them, the double-wheel type is the best option.
- Place a walk-off mat at outside entrances to reduce the amount of dirt brought into your home. We strongly recommend mats without a latex or rubber backing since these backings can cause permanent discoloration.