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MAINTAINING YOUR COATED HARDWOOD FLOORS

A home maintenance guide for hardwood floors that have been finished.

DUST MOPPING TO REMOVE DIRT:

Sweeping and vacuuming will remove most dirt, but not all. A good quality dust mop is the most effective tool for removing the finer particles of dust and grit that will grind off finish. When vacuuming floor, use a soft bristle attachment.

To keep your floor looking its best, dust mop once a week minimum. Dust more often depending on the amount of dirt carried into the house and the number of people and pets living in the house.

A good rule of thumb is once a week for the house and then add once a week for each child and large pets in the house.

DAMP MOPPING SPILLS AND HEAVY DIRT:

Spills and tracked in dirt can be cleaned by lightly damp mopping the floor. Recommended cleaners are citrus floor cleaner available at Dave's Floor Sanding or 4 oz. of Windex mixed with 32 oz. of water, mist floor with spray bottle (old Windex bottle) wipe with towel or dust mop. These cleaners will not harm the floor finish, nor will they leave a film.

Be careful to use only a damp mop, not wet, as excess water will damage the floor. (Note: oil soaps, liquid ammonia, and vinegar are not to be used on the floor finish.)

DO NOT let the cleaning solution remain on the floor. Use a clean towel and dry the floor. Even though the cleaners will not harm the finish, water can soak between the boards and cause damage to the wood. Rinsing should not be necessary.

DO NOT WAX OR POLISH:

If you anticipate the need for a fresh coat of finish in a few years, DO NOT wax or polish your floor. The films left by waxes and polishes cannot be coated over. Consult Dave's Floor Sanding if you have any questions about waxes or polishes. (Note: oil soaps are not to be used for the same reason.)

RECOATING WHEN WORN:

Several years of hard use may require recoating to restore the finish. A recoat can be done with a minimum of inconvenience. The floor should be coated when it shows signs of wear; do not wait until it's worn to the bare board; consult Dave's Floor Sanding.

Note: A humidifier is a necessity during the heating season to reduce lineal cracks. An air conditioner or dehumidifier is needed during the summer.