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Caring For Your Hardwood Floors

Spills

Immediately wipe up any spills or spots with a damp cloth.

Vacuum

Vacuuming, with a floor attachment rather than a beater bar, is preferred to sweeping because it not only addresses the surface of the floor but pulls particulates from between the planks.

Repairs

Consult your flooring professional immediately to fix areas that have been damaged, gouged, or have a difficult problem - like chewing gum.

Moving

When moving heavy furniture or appliances, place a sheet of plywood or masonite underneath the furniture to avoid scratches or gouges.

Monthly

Clean with an approved wood floor cleaner such as Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner. Never use oil soaps, wax or automated cleaning machines such as steam mops.

Be Aware

Be aware of high heel shoes that have lost their protective cap and small stones as they can scratch and gouge your floor's surface. Excessive sunlight should be blocked with blinds or drapes.

Wet mopping and excessive water is also harmful to your floor.

Protect

In areas of high traffic, use area rugs to keep wear to a minimum. Be sure to move the rugs periodically to maintain an even color to your finish. Ensure the rugs have a breathable backing with a mesh grid pattern which allows the floor to breathe and are approved for hardwood floor finishes.

Put mats at all entrances to keep dirt and moisture off the floor. Use felt pads, wide vinyl pads or rubber rollers on the legs of furniture.

Caring for your hardwood floor is easier than ever, thanks to today's modern finishes.

Just follow these simple seven guidelines and consult your flooring professional for his or her recommendations.

For additional resources please visit:

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