

Residential Vinyl Tile Floor Care and Maintenance

Care and Maintenance

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

Immediately After Installation

- Maintain room temperature at 65 degrees F for 48 hours after installation is completed. This assures proper curing, setting and bonding of products.
- 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.

Proactive Protection For Your Floor

- When moving appliances or heavy furniture, it is always wise to lay a plywood panel on your floor and "walk" the item across it. This protects your floor from scuffing and tears.
- Use floor protectors, such as Armstrong Floor Protectors, on furniture to reduce indentation. As a general rule of thumb, 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.

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.
- Wipe up spills as soon as possible. Remove dried spills with Armstrong New Beginning Extra Strength Floor Stripper & Cleaner on a clean white cloth and rinse. Never use highly abrasive scrubbing tools on any resilient floor.
- See stain chart for instructions on removing specific stains.
- Wash your floor regularly with Armstrong Once 'n Done No-Rinse Floor Cleaner.
- For heavy duty cleaning, use Armstrong New Beginning Extra-Strength Floor Stripper.
- Do NOT use detergents, abrasive cleaners, or "mop and shine" products. These products may leave a dull film on your floor.
- Over time, if the shine on your floor begins to dull, Armstrong Shinekeeper Floor Polish can be used to renew your floor's shine. Do NOT use paste wax or solvent-based polishes.