



Luxury Vinyl Care & Maintenance Industry Guidelines



The Floor Trader of Tacoma has put together this information as a consumer guide to general guidelines provided by most manufacturers.

PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF YOUR FLOOR

Lasting beauty can be achieved through purchasing a quality floor covering and providing proper on-going maintenance.

- Furniture should be moved onto the newly installed floor using an appliance hand truck over hardboard runways. Furniture glides work excellently.
- Avoid exposure to long periods of direct sunlight. Close blinds or drapes during peak sunlight hours. Floor covering subjected to excessive heat and light is subject to thermal degradation. Use appropriate precautions to minimize potential effects on the floor covering.
- Oil or petroleum-based products can result in surface staining. DO NOT track asphalt-driveway sealer or automobile-oil drips onto the vinyl floor covering.
- Use non-staining mats. Rubber may discolor the floor. Be sure to use non-black no slip backings on your rugs.
- Frequently moved furniture should be equipped with felt pads to avoid scratching the floor. Heavy furniture and appliances should be equipped with non-staining large surface floor protectors. Be sure to remove any factory small-buttons that come standard on furniture.
- Warranty coverage does not apply to installations with heavy wheeled vehicle traffic, rolling office chairs, certain footwear such as roller skates, high heels or cleats that may permanently indent or damage the flooring. DO NOT use ball type castors as they can damage the floor. Furniture with castors or wheels must be easy swiveling, large surface non-staining and suitable for resilient floors. Chair mats must be used to protect floors from rolling chairs.
- Use floor protectors under furniture (ie: felt pads).
- Use walk off mats at entrances to prevent dirt and grit from being tracked on to the floor.
- Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to remove loose dirt. DO NOT use vacuums that use a beater bar or turn beater bar off.
- DO NOT use electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms with no padding.
- Clean up spills immediately. Damp mop as needed using clean water and a diluted floor cleaner. Be sure to dry your floor after mopping to avoid slipping.
- Recommended Floor Cleaner: FreshFloors by WF Taylor
- DO NOT use harsh cleaners or chemicals on the floor.
- DO NOT use abrasive scrubbing tools or your kitchen Scotchbrite pad.
- DO NOT use detergents, abrasive cleaners or "mop and shine" products.
- Vinyl Flooring, like other types of smooth floors, may become slippery when wet. Allow time for floor to dry after washing.
- Immediately wipe up wet areas from spills, foreign substances, wet feet, or pet water dish.