

Hardwood Flooring Installation and Maintenance Information



Installation Guidelines:

Wood flooring is a quality product made from lumber that has been kiln-dried. It is essential to maintain appropriate moisture levels for both the wood and the job site conditions. Heat level on the job site should be between 55 and 75 degrees. Relative humidity levels should be maintained between 35% and 55%. It is critical to know what the existing moisture levels on the job site are at the time of installation. The hardwood should be delivered and placed in the area a minimum of 4-5 days prior to installation. Moisture levels for both the hardwood flooring and the subfloor should have a moisture content no higher than 12%-14%. Also, between the subfloor and wood there should not be a moisture difference of more than 4%. Have your installer note the moisture readings and retain a copy for your records, should there ever be a warranty or installation issue.

Date hardwood was delivered to the job site: _____

Hardwood installation date: _____

Moisture level of hardwood flooring: between _____% and _____%
(Measure 4-8 boards)

Moisture level of sub-floor: between _____% and _____%
(Measure 4-8 boards)

It is recommended to review installation guidelines provided by The Wood Flooring Manufacturers Association. This information can be found at www.nofma.org

Maintenance Guidelines:

Ongoing maintenance is critical to the performance of your new hardwood floor. It is most important to keep dust and grit from scratching and dulling the finish of your new floor. Use walk off mats when possible to trap incoming dirt. Dust mopping, sweeping and vacuuming (using a vacuum without beater bars) is the best way to keep your floor clean of debris. When your floor needs to be cleaned it is recommended to use a cleaning product specifically designed for your new floor (consult your flooring professional). A light spray of cleaner followed by a clean cloth (or mop) is the best method. Never use water, oil based cleaners or machines designed to steam or wet mop your floor with cleaning solution.