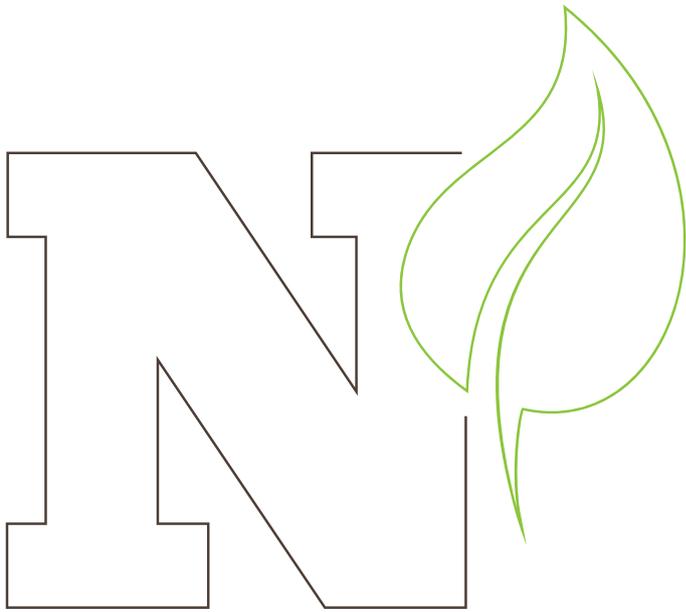


Maintenance Engineered Flooring

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Maintenance of your hardwood floor is very easy, the key is upkeep, namely cleaning your floor often and thoroughly - but not too thoroughly. Please note that you **SHOULD NOT** use any chemicals and abrasives as they can scuff, scratch or even remove your floor's finish and gloss, the floor should be cleaning with a wet mop. We recommend to use felt protectors under the legs or bottoms of heavy furniture, chairs, etc. and to avoid wearing spike-heeled shoes or damaged shoes on the floor as they can cause damage.

Regular cleaning

When your floor is UV oiled, we recommend applying maintenance Wax or Maintenance Oil. That can be done after laying and/or few months after the floor was laid. On UV lacquered – Use Only products which special design for lacquered can be apply only if required to refreshen floor look.

Placing mats at all points in the home with exterior entrances to avoid debris being tracked onto the flooring will help keep it clean and in a good state.

A good procedure to clean your floors in an efficient and proper manner is to initially sweep the area with a soft bristle broom or Hoover it. It is important to examine the broom's bristles before starting, as some brooms are not appropriate for some surface areas and can also scratch or mar the finish.

It is best to try the broom on a small area of the floor first to insure that it's not damaging the floor in any way. This should be sufficient in most cases and if this procedure is maintained on a regular basis, you will certainly prolong the beauty of your floors for a very long time.

In cases where you have rough stains, you can clean your floor with a damp cloth/mop, please make sure it will not be soaked as wood and water do not mix well together. Evenly mop the entire surface area until clean, and then let the area air dry.

Beyond this, there are other steps that can be taken less frequently that can add life and beauty to your floors, such as floor treatments.

Regular Floor Treatment

For UV oiled finishes - First application to improve protection and re-oiling your floor every few months can help protect and preserve the flooring beautiful look. We do recommend any Maintenance Wax or Maintenance Oil. Be sure to verify the contents and application procedures for your specific product. Doing this every few months or so is perfectly safe for your floor's finish and will add that desired effect always test prior application (see disclaimer below).

For UV lacquered finishes – Use only products which are specially design for lacquered, so the maintenance liquid could penetrate in.

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IMPORTANT NOTE

Site conditions are extremely important and make all the difference to a timber floor. Site check before starting installation ensure moisture conditions required met is vital. Wood flooring will perform best when the domestic relative humidity range between 40%-60% and a temperature range of 15-24 degrees. Wood is a moisture absorbent material and its moisture level varies with air humidity and temperature.

FOR EXAMPLE

- A. 50% air humidity and 20°C temperature average Oak floor will have 9% moisture content.
- B. 30% humidity and 25°C temperature the same Oak floor will have 5% moisture content. As air humidity changes so does the dimension of the wood.

The overall fabric (walls & floors) of a building should be thoroughly dry (so there are no visible signs of moisture or condensation when heating is on) before bringing in any timber.

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