



reclaimed heart pine care and maintenance instructions

Your new wood floor is durable and easy to maintain. This is because, when you're walking on it, you're not walking on the wood, but on the UV-hardened polyurethane with aluminum oxide finish. This is what protects the wood and keeps your floor looking beautiful. The key to maintaining your floor is to protect and maintain this aluminum oxide finish, and the following floor care recommendations will tell you how.

after installation:

Immediately after installation, vacuum or dust mop your floor to remove any dirt or debris. Then clean the floor with a neutral hardwood floor cleaner. Spray a small quantity of hardwood floor cleaner on your mop and swab a section of floor in the same direction as the floorboards. When the mop cover is dirty, reverse it or use the replacement cover. Wash mop covers as required.

warning:

Never use wax, household detergent, or oil based soap on the floor. These products may discolor and damage the finish and leave a greasy film, making the floor slippery and difficult to maintain afterwards. Mixtures of water and vinegar are not recommended for cleaning prefinished flooring, since vinegar has an oxidizing effect of the finish. Never clean your floor with water or a wet mop. Excess moisture can damage your floor.

routine maintenance:

Dust mop or vacuum your wood floor regularly. Periodically, clean your wood floor with an approved cleaner.

preventive maintenance:

Sand and dirt can be abrasive to wood floors. Place protective mats by doorways to keep dirt and moisture from being tracked across your floor. Area rugs are recommended in front of sinks in kitchens. Mats and area rugs should be slip-resistant with a nonabrasive and non-discoloring backer.

Move rugs occasionally so the floor is exposed to normal sunlight. There will be subtle changes in shading of all hardwood floors.

Install floor protectors on furniture legs.

Clean up spills as soon as possible, before they get sticky or dry.

Spike or stiletto heel shoes, especially those with worn heels, can dent and scratch hardwood floors (as well as other flooring surfaced). These shoes can produce pressure of over 1000 pounds per square inch.

Also be aware that pets can also scratch and damage hardwood floors due to their claws. Maintain proper humidity conditions (40-60% humidity) in your home throughout the year. This may require the use of a humidifier or dehumidifier, depending on conditions. Avoid any extreme changes in humidity from season to season.