



Floor Care

Plantation Hardwood Floors authentic hardwood floors benefit from periodic maintenance to maintain beauty and functionality. Please note the following guidelines pertaining to both polyurethane- and oil-finished floors:

- **DO** maintain humidity control. Genuine wood floors expand and contract with large changes in relative humidity, potentially creating minor gaps between boards in low humidity, or movement in high humidity. This effect can be minimized with the use of humidity control. Wood floors perform best when relative humidity remains in a “human comfort zone” of 35%-65% relative humidity.
- **DO** consider placing natural fiber mats at entry points to help trap excess grit and absorb excess moisture that may affect the finish. Avoid mats with rubber bottoms or non-skid pads that may leave an imprint on the wood floor.
- **DO** sweep and vacuum frequently to reduce accumulation of abrasive dirt and dust. Vacuuming should be performed with a “hard surface” setting to prevent potential finish scratching.
- **DO NOT** flood with water. Flooding can introduce excess moisture on and beneath the floors, inducing adverse wood movement. Flooding voids the Plantation warranty.
- **DO** wipe liquid spills promptly, especially near sinks, dishwashers, stove tops, and dining areas.
- **DO** use cleaning products designed specifically for hardwood floors. Do not use wax, oil-based detergents or household cleaners and polishes designed for other functions, such as polishing furniture. The elements in these other products may dull or damage the Plantation finish, leave a slippery film, or make the floor more difficult to clean. For best cleaning results on Plantation polyurethane finishes, “**Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner**” is recommended. Use according to label directions. For best cleaning results on Plantation oil finishes, “**Monocoat Natural Soap**” is recommended. Use according to label directions.
- **DO** establish a “refreshing” maintenance program, at minimum annually, for Plantation oil finishes. “**Monocoat Universal Maintenance Oil**” is recommended. Use according to label directions.
- **DO** add felt pads to furniture and chair legs to prevent potential scratching of the floor finish. For extremely heavy objects, use wide, non-staining rubber cups. For moving furniture and fixtures, use sliding mats to prevent damage.
- **DO** recognize that high heeled shoes contain a metal nail, which when exposed may cause scratching damage to any flooring.
- **DO** keep pet nails trimmed to limit potential scratching damage.
- **DO** protect your floor against prolonged direct sunlight or any intense source of artificial lighting. Over time, intense natural and artificial light will naturally darken or lighten the color of hardwood floors. Periodically move floor coverings such as movable area rugs to offset and broaden intense light exposure.