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## HARDWOOD FLOORING MAINTENANCE

The key to enjoying beautiful hardwood flooring is proper maintenance. Proper maintenance for all hardwood flooring regardless if the product was prefinished at the factory or finished on the installation site. The no maintenance hardwood floor does not exist. The maintenance procedure may vary with the type of finish coat used on the hardwood floors and finish is PREVENTIVE.

Preventive maintenance is the most important requirement to the long term performance and natural beauty of your hardwood floor.

The following outlines the key preventive maintenance points:

### PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

1. Use protective walk-off mats at the exterior doors to help prevent sand and grit from walking onto the floor. Gritty sand is flooring's worst enemy.
2. Install proper protectors on furniture (felt pads) used on hardwood floors. Protectors will allow chairs to move easily over the floor without scuffing. Clean the protectors on a regular basis to remove any grit that may have become imbedded in the protector.
3. Vacuum regularly. When the household carpets are vacuumed, vacuum the hardwood floor. Sweep on a daily basis or as necessary.
4. NEVER wet mop a hardwood floor. Excessive water causes wood to expand, possibly damaging the flooring. The proper procedure is to use a well wrung out cloth. Food spills should be cleaned up in a timely manner also using a well wrung out cloth. For stubborn spills use a mild dish washing soap only. Never use Murphy's oil soap; it contains a wax additive and builds up a film on the floor, making it difficult to recoat in later years.
5. Keep high heel shoes in good repair. Heels that have lost their protective caps, thus exposing the fastening nail, will exert over 8,000 pounds per square inch of pressure on a floor! That's high enough to damage hardened concrete.

Enjoy those floors! Please don't hesitate to call us again for additional professional floor services, historical renovations, etc.

