

Wood Floor Care

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF WOOD OR WOOD-LOOK FLOORS

Cleaning

Use a broom, dry mop, or the dusting attachment on a vacuum to pick up sand and dust. **Remove sand as soon as possible** to prevent it from scratching the floor.

For small spills, use plain water on a rag. For a full cleaning, use plain water, water with a small amount of vinegar, or water with a drop of hand dishwashing soap, such as Dawn or Joy.

The floor can be mopped or hand-washed. Use a damp mop or cloth, and **do not leave water sitting on the floor**. Wipe up spills promptly and avoid soaking the flooring.

Products to Avoid

Do not use wax or products containing wax, oil, Teflon, or silicone. These products can prevent another coat of finish from adhering. On wood floors, sanding and refinishing may then be necessary.

Do not use steam mops. If you are unsure whether a product is suitable for your floor, ask your landlord before using it.

Long-Term Maintenance

Use furniture protectors, especially under chairs, furniture that moves frequently, and heavy items. Heavy-duty felt circles and strips are recommended and are available at most hardware and home stores.

Check felt pads regularly and replace them when worn or dirty. Lift furniture when moving it instead of dragging it across the floor. Use a protective rug or mat under wheeled desk chairs.

Report Damage

If you notice damage to the floor, contact your landlord to discuss repair options. Do not attempt to sand, refinish, or repair the flooring yourself.