



Caring for your Hardwood

A few simple prevention practices will allow your floor to look beautiful for years to come. Follow these easy care and cleaning tips:

Temperature & Humidity:

- Keep room temperature a consistent 68°F -72°F.
- Maintain a relative humidity between 30-50%. Use a humidifier or dehumidifier to if needed to prevent wood from splits, cracks, cupping, gapping, etc. due to moisture absorption.
- Do not allow the floor to exceed 80°F.

Water or Liquid on Hardwood:

- Never allow water or other liquids to stand on hardwood.
- Do not mop or steam hardwood floor.
- Quickly wipe up any spilled liquid from your floor.

Intense Light:

- Natural changes in color due to normal aging of wood and normal UV exposure is expected.
- Move your rugs occasionally to keep color changes uniform.
- Avoid letting hardwood sit in direct sunlight for long periods of time with blinds from Koebers.

Floor Protection:

- Attach felt pads under furniture legs.
- Protect high traffic areas (ex: hallways, flooring in front of sinks, and rooms with high usage like a family room) with an area rug from Koebers. If we installed your hardwood, you will receive a 30% OFF discount on area rugs!
- Protect the floor when moving heavy furniture by using a mat turned upside down.
- Watch for high heels or certain types of footwear that may dent your hardwood.
- Place door mats at exterior doorways.

Cleaning:

- Sweep or use a soft microfiber dust mop 1-2 times per week.
- Avoid dust mops that have been pretreated such as Swiffer brand which can leave a film on your floor.
- If a food, soft drink, sticky or greasy spill occurs, use a hardwood floor cleaning spray as recommended by Koebers and your manufacturer. Always try a damp but well-wrung cloth before using a cleaner.
- If a deep surface scratch occurs use a hardwood touch up pen (Lowes or Home Depot will have several stain options to match your floor).

If you have specific questions or concerns, call the office at **503-641-1901** or refer to your hardwood manufacturer's specified maintenance program.