

Vinyl Flooring

Vinyl Flooring is beautiful, durable and easy to maintain. Still, you'll need to do basic cleaning, and accidents do happen. Here are some simple and easy care tips to keep your Vinyl floors looking newer, longer.

Vinyl Floor Cleaning Tips:

- Remove loose dirt with a soft bristle broom.
- Clean with a damp mop for everyday care.
- Wash the floor occasionally with a gentle (non-abrasive) floor cleaner - always follow cleaning product instructions and adhere to cautions before use.

Do not use detergents, abrasive cleaners or "mop and shine" products. These may leave a dull film on your Flooring.

- When using a vacuum cleaner, disengage the beater bar or use the "bare floor" setting to avoid damaging your Flooring.

- Highly abrasive scrubbing tools are not recommended as they can damage your Flooring.

- Never use ammonia or bleach to clean your Vinyl Flooring.

- Due to the high temperatures, steam mops may cause damage to Vinyl Flooring. Review the manufacturer guidelines for your flooring before using a steam mop. Read more about [steam mops and vinyl flooring](#) on our blog.

To Prevent Scuffs When Moving Furniture

- Make sure furniture legs are smooth and won't mar your Vinyl floors.
- Replace any small, narrow, metal, or dome-shaped glides with smooth protectors that are in flat contact with the floor.

- Place heavy-duty furniture casters or cups at the contact points of furniture or appliances you don't often move.

- Never push, pull, or drag furniture, appliances or other items across the floor. Always lift and carry.

- If you have to slide furniture or appliances, lay a plywood panel on your floor and "walk" the item across the panel.

How to Treat Stains & Spills on Vinyl Flooring

Here are specific steps for challenging spills and stains. Unless stated otherwise, use a clean, white cloth or towel when cleaning Vinyl Flooring products. Always rinse the area with clean water as your final step. No matter how hard you try to avoid them,

spills and stains happen. Common causes include blood, catsup, mustard, cleaners, dyes, food, candy, juices, grass, rust and pet accidents. To remove these and more, follow these steps:

1. Clean the area with Vinyl Flooring cleaner.
2. Scrub with a nonabrasive white scrubbing pad.
3. Rub with isopropyl alcohol. (Only for pen ink, permanent marker, nail polish, hair dye).
4. For rust stains, treat with lemon juice or cream of tartar.

Paint/Varnish

Harsh fluids can also stain your Vinyl Flooring. Some examples include dry cleaning fluids, lacquer, paint, nail polish, wood stains and varnish. Follow these steps to remove the spill:

1. Gently rub the area with your finger or an eraser (avoid using sharp items, which can scratch your Flooring).
2. Rub lightly with isopropyl alcohol on a clean, white cloth.
3. If the stain still shows, use odorless mineral spirits or turpentine on a clean, white cloth.
4. If the stain still shows, use a clean, white cloth to very carefully wipe the area with fingernail polish remover containing acetone.
5. Scrub the area with a floor cleaner and a nonabrasive white scrubbing pad, following instructions on the label.

Things that Won't Wipe Up

Vinyl Flooring has a protective film. But there's some stuff that just won't come off easily. Glue, asphalt, chewing gum, oil, grease, candle wax and tar are hard to remove. Follow these simple steps to get stubborn stains off your Vinyl Flooring.

1. Carefully remove excess residue with your fingernail.
2. Clean with Vinyl Flooring cleaner using a nonabrasive white scrubbing pad.
3. Rub lightly with odorless mineral spirits or isopropyl alcohol.

Scuffs and Smudges

Rubber heel marks, shoe polish, and other scuffs and smudges are unsightly. Follow these steps to remove them from your Vinyl Flooring.

1. Rub the scuff with your fingertip or an eraser.
2. Scrub the area with a floor cleaner and a nonabrasive white scrubbing pad, following instructions on the label.

Laminate Flooring

Laminate Flooring is designed to be more durable, but it still needs proper care. Follow these simple tips to protect your floors so they can look great for years to come.

Laminate Flooring Basic Cleaning

- Use only soap-free cleaners.
- Remove loose dirt with a dust mop or a gentle vacuum without a beater bar.

Wipe up spills right away.

Use a quality Laminate floor cleaner - be sure to follow the directions on the bottle.

Dust or vacuum more often in problem spots and areas with a lot of foot traffic.

Only use cleaners that are designated for Laminate Flooring, and be careful not to saturate the floor with the cleaner as it could cause damage. Try the cleaner in a small inconspicuous area first.

- Do not clean using excessive water as it could cause your Flooring to buckle or separate.
- Certain cleaners can scratch the surface of your Laminate Flooring, such as steel wool or scouring powders. Do not use them to clean your Flooring.
- Liquids that stand on your Flooring can cause damage.
- Never wax, polish or use buffing machines.
- Laminate Flooring could sustain steam damage due to the high temperatures from steam mops. Check the manufacturer guidelines for your flooring before using a steam mop.

Stain and Spot Removal Tips

Accidents and spills will happen. The good news is that Laminate Flooring can be cleaned. But if you're faced with a tough stain or spot, follow these simple steps:

1. Remove wet spills immediately.
2. Wipe the floor with a warm moist cloth.
3. More stubborn dirt can be removed using a slightly moist mop and gentle cleaner designed for Laminate Flooring.
4. For substances that may stick to your floor, try to harden the spot with ice and gently remove with a dull plastic scraper. Be sure not to apply too much pressure as this could damage the floor's finish.
5. Always follow manufacturer recommendations