



Care and Maintenance

Proper care and maintenance of your new or existing wood floors is the best way to protect your investment. Uptown Wood Floors makes sure each customer has the tools they need to ensure they understand not only how to clean and care for their floors, but how other factors around their house can impact their new or existing wood flooring.

Pro Tip #1: Never allow water or liquids to remain on your wood floors. Liquids can penetrate your wood floors causing water damage, cupping, or dark stains that cannot be removed. Soaking wet mops are not recommended for any flooring surface. Use a damp, never wet, mop only when deeper cleaning is required.

Pro Tip #2: Dust mop or vacuum daily. Dirt and debris are the leading cause of wear on your wood floors. Large pieces of debris can scratch your floors or get caught under chairs and wear down the finish on your wood floors.

Pro Tip #3: Never use products such as: Murphy's Oil Soap, Bona Polish, Bona Rejuvenator, Mop'N'Glo, and many others on your wood floors. These products are best used for laminate or vinyl flooring. All of these products will leave behind a residue that will need to be professionally stripped from your floors. If these products are used, your wood floors will no longer be a candidate for a screen or pad and recoat in the future.

Pro Tip #4: Put felt pads under any furniture pieces that move regularly. Bar stools, dining room chairs, and ottomans can prematurely wear the finish on your wood floors. Larger furniture pieces that are not moved do not need pads under the feet.

Pro Tip #5: Never drag furniture across your wood floors. Even fully cured polyurethane can be scratched or gouged by dressers, hutches, desks, pianos, etc. Placing large pieces of furniture on top of moving blankets and dragging them across the wood floor can also damage the floor by burning the polyurethane. It is best to always lift and set large furniture in place instead of scooting, dragging, or pushing it across your wood floors.

Pro Tip #6: Purchase an indoor thermometer and hygrometer. Our pick is ThermoPro TP55 Digital Hygrometer Indoor Thermometer and Humidity Gauge. These can be purchased for under \$15.00 on Amazon and will be an invaluable tool ensuring your home temperature and humidity are kept at the recommended settings.

Pro Tip #7: Do not set your thermostat to extreme temperatures while you are away – shocking your wood floor can cause serious damage. As stated above, monitoring your home's indoor temperature and humidity are key steps in maintaining your wood floors. The ideal temperature is between 68°-75° F and the ideal humidity is between 40%-55%. A changing ambient environment can impact your hardwood floors and cause cupping or gapping, even in a properly installed hardwood floor.

Pro Tip #8: Pier and beam homes need to have a 6 mil poly plastic sheeting installed in the crawl space to prevent moisture in the ground from damaging the wood floors. Maintaining your crawl space is a very important part of maintaining your wood flooring as well.