

HARDWOOD FLOORING CLEANING TIPS

FLOOR CLEANING

- Sweep, dust mop, or vacuum regularly using the wand attachment on your vacuum cleaner.
- Clean your hardwood floor occasionally using a well-squeezed damp mop and Armstrong Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner or Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner.
- You can purchase Armstrong floor care products and floor protectors at your local flooring store or home center.
- DON'T use: ammonia-based cleaners, wax-based products, detergents, bleach, polishes, oil soaps, abrasive cleaning soaps, or acidic materials like vinegar.

FLOOR PROTECTION

- Wipe up spills immediately.
- When moving appliances or heavy furniture, lay a plywood panel on your floor and "walk" the item across it to prevent scuffs and tears.
- Use doormats at entrances to collect dirt and moisture, so they're not tracked onto the floor.
- Place area rugs (with slip-resistant backing) in front of kitchen sinks, at all pivot points and within high-traffic areas. DON'T use rubber, foam back, or plastic mats as they could discolor your floor.
- Keep animal nails trimmed to prevent scratches.
- Use Armstrong or Bruce® furniture leg protector pads under all furniture legs.
- Replace hard, narrow furniture rollers with wide rubber rollers.
- Keep the relative humidity in your home between 35% and 55%.
- Protect your floor from direct sunlight.
- DON'T wear shoes with spike heels or heel taps on your hardwood floor. Remove shoes at the door to avoid potentially dragging in sharp objects in your shoe treads.

HARDWOOD FLOOR CARE QUICK-FIX TIPS

Spills and Tracked-in Dirt

- Clean immediately.
- Apply Armstrong Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner or Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner lightly to the surface and wipe with a sponge mop or a soft cloth.

NOTE: DON'T use on Bruce Dura Satin Wax finish floors. Refer to Bruce Dura Satin Wax Finish floor care.

- Excess cleaner that does not evaporate immediately should be dried with a clean towel. No rinsing is necessary.

Spots Caused by Food, Water or Animals

- Apply Armstrong Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner or Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner to a clean, soft cloth.
- Rub the area to remove the stain or spot.
- More stubborn spots may require additional cleaning with mineral spirits, followed by cleaning with Armstrong Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner or Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner.

Grease/Lipstick/Crayon/Ink Spots/Rubber Heel Marks

- Apply Armstrong Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner or Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner to a clean, soft cloth.
- Rub the area to remove the stain or spot.
- If stain remains, rub with a cloth dampened with mineral spirits and follow by cleaning the area with Armstrong Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner or Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner.

Chewing Gum, Candle Wax

- Apply a sealed plastic bag filled with ice on top of the deposit.
- Wait until deposit becomes brittle enough to crumble off.
- After deposit has been removed, clean entire area with Armstrong Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner or Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner.

Minor Abrasions/Scratches

- Use Armstrong Touch-Up Kit or Bruce Touch-Up Kit in smaller areas.
- Apply Armstrong Restore Hardwood Floor Finish, Bruce Fresh Finish™, or Bruce Fresh Finish™ Low Gloss when larger areas are reconditioned.

Deep Scratches/Gouges

- Individual planks, strips, or parquets that are heavily gouged or damaged can be replaced by a professional flooring installer.
- If needed, the entire floor can be refurbished by applying one or more coats of Armstrong Restore Hardwood Floor Finish, Bruce Fresh Finish™, or Bruce Fresh Finish™ Low Gloss.

BRUCE DURA SATIN WAX FINISH FLOORS

- Sweep, vacuum, or dust mop the floor to remove loose dirt before it can scratch or become ground into the floor's surface.

- Wax the floor once or twice a year, about as often as you would shampoo your carpet.
- DON'T use Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner on wax finish floors.
- NEVER clean or wet-mop with water. Water may dull the finish and permanently damage the floor.
- DON'T use and wax or cleaner that must be mixed with water such as oil soap, as this may ruin your floor and result in a loss of warranty.
- DON'T use Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner.
- Keep the relative humidity in your home between 35% and 55%.
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Periodic Hardwood Floor Care and Maintenance

- Buffing your hardwood floor between waxings will restore the original sheen. Large, heavyweight buffing machines deliver a much higher sheen to a wax finish than smaller, lightweight machines. Use a fiber bristle brush attachment only.
- You may want to wax the floor slightly more often in drier climates, during the winter, and in heavy traffic areas.

ARMSTRONG HARDWOOD® PLANK, HARDWOOD® PARQUET AND PREMIER PERFORMANCE. (NON-URETHANE FINISH)

Initial Hardwood Floor Care and Maintenance

- Remove any existing adhesive on the flooring with Armstrong Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner and a clean cloth.
- Clean the floor thoroughly by sweeping and using Armstrong Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner.
- When the flooring is clean and dry, apply several thin coats of the recommended polish. Call Armstrong at 1-800-233-3823 for the right polish and application instructions for your particular hardwood floor.
- Let the floor dry thoroughly before using. No buffing required.

Routine Hardwood Floor Care and Maintenance

- Sweep, dust mop, or vacuum regularly using the wand attachment on your vacuum cleaner.
- Wipe up spills or spots with a damp cloth or swivel-head mop with terrycloth cover and Armstrong Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner.
- Large areas can be cleaned by misting Armstrong Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner on the area and wiping until clean and dry with a soft towel or swivel-head mop.
- As needed, coat the floor to bring back the gloss to the desired level. Call Armstrong at 1-800-233-3823 for recommendations on the right polish and application instructions for your particular hardwood floor.

Renewing Worn Areas

- Call Armstrong at 1-800-233-3823 for recommendations on products and instructions for restoring shine to worn areas.

Renewing Gloss Levels

- Call Armstrong at 1-800-233-3823 for polish recommendations and instructions for maintaining the appearance of your hardwood floor.