



Linoleum/Sheet Vinyl Floor Care & Maintenance

Cleaning & Care

- ❖ Depending on the traffic in your home, a good maintenance routine should be completed once a week or as often as needed.
- ❖ Sweep, dust, or vacuum your floor regularly with the hard floor attachment, not the beater bar, to prevent accumulation of dirt or grit that can scratch or dull the floor finish.
- ❖ Avoid allowing liquids to stand on your floor. Use a damp cloth to blot spills as soon as they happen and use a recommended cleaner and soft cloth when necessary.
- ❖ When your vinyl floor needs cleaning, use manufacturer recommended cleaning products.
NOTE: Most manufacturers' vinyl cleaners are concentrated so it is a good idea to mix up a batch using the proper dilution ratio and keep handy in a spray bottle to conveniently use when needed.

Protecting Your Floor

- ❖ Use of mats at entrances will help keep dirt and grit from being tracked into our home. All mats should allow the floor to breathe so avoid rubber-backed or non-ventilating mats as they may discolor the wood. Use no-slip rug underlayment made especially for hard surface flooring to prevent your rugs/mats from moving.
NOTE: Your door mats can become a source of dirt themselves if not cleaned regularly.
- ❖ Use of felt pads or floor protectors under furniture will allow furniture to be moved easily without scratching or denting your floor. For larger furniture use wide plastic or non-staining rubber casters or cups to offset the weight, then cover the bottom of caster with felt. NOTE: Replace felt pads often as dirt and grit can become embedded in them or as they become worn.
- ❖ Strong light can fade or discolor vinyl flooring. To avoid damaging effects, shade large sun-facing windows during peak sunlight hours.
- ❖ Some appliances and air registers can produce a direct flow of heat to your floor which may eventually scorch, discolor, burn or fade you flooring. To prevent damage place non rubber-backed mats at strategic areas, such as at your stove.

When to Apply Polish

Today's vinyl floors are tough enough to withstand even the most active families but are not indestructible and will dull over time. To protect your floor and renew lost luster it is necessary to apply a coat of polish as part of your periodic maintenance routine.

- ❖ Use the manufacturer's recommended product when known.
- ❖ Ensure your floor is clean and thoroughly dry before applying polish.
- ❖ Remove excess layers of polish with the recommended stripper when known.
- ❖ Follow with two thin coats of polish.