Maintenance Guide - Vinyl Flooring

General Cleaning

To keep your flooring looking its best, you should remove daily dirt by sweeping, dry mopping, or ideally vacuum cleaning. Perform spot and stain removal with a damp cloth or a hand-pad, damp cleaning however should only be done occasionally. Ensure that your mop is not too wet and always ring out excess water before use, a microfibre mop is recommended.

Why not try our fantastic Impero Microfibre Spray Mop that comes with a pivotal head that can be removed and cleaned in the washing machine after use. Simply fill your spray mop with your favourite floor cleaner, there is no need to carry around a bucket of water making cleaning your floors quick and easy. Our Impero Laminate Floor Cleaner is also suitable for use on vinyl flooring and offers a beautiful soft linen aroma, keeping your floors looking and smelling amazing!

Maintenance & Up-Keep

It is important to carry out appropriate maintenance procedures to help preserve the appearance and extend the life of your vinyl flooring. If the flooring is laid in an area with heavy foot traffic then more frequent maintenance would be required.

Furniture & Vinyl Flooring

Consideration of external conditions can prevent damage to the flooring and also cuts down on cleaning time.

Dirt is most commonly transported indoors by foot traffic and if any dirt gets trapped under sliding furniture the flooring could suffer scratches from the abrasion of the dirt. We advise using protective felt pads on furniture feet to help prevent any unwanted damage. Check out our website to discover more fantastic protection products.

Entrance mats

Reduce the risk of slips and falls while also preventing unwanted soiling to your floor with the use of entrance mats. When properly serviced, entrance mats can effectively remove abrasive materials and reduce tracking in water from foot traffic to help keep your vinyl flooring clean and mark-free.

• Avoid using entrance mats that have rubber or latex backing/edging as this may cause staining.
• Regular cleaning of your entrance mat and the area surrounding it is strongly advised.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

To ensure optimum maintenance and care, we would suggest that the following advice be followed:

• Wiping up any accidental spills as quickly as possible will help minimise the chance of staining.
• Do not use a steam mop or steam cleaning appliances when cleaning your vinyl floor.
• Take caution after mopping the floors as wet vinyl can become slippery.

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Stains & Vinyl

Any accidental spillages should be dealt with immediately to prevent staining, however we know that sometimes this is not always possible. Listed below are a few helpful tips on how to treat stains on your vinyl flooring:

- Always use a soft bristled brush when scrubbing your vinyl flooring to prevent any scratching.
- Do not over soak your vinyl flooring when cleaning away a stain as excess water can lead to the floor lifting in areas.
- If the stain is semi-solid then try sweeping this up before cleaning.
- If you are using bleach always ensure this is diluted with water to prevent fading on your floor.

How to remove stains:

1. Mix baking soda with water until you have created a thick paste.
2. Use a soft and clean white cloth to rub the paste over the affected area.
3. Rub gently in a circular motion. The baking soda is abrasive so it will help to loosen and lift the stains.
4. Wipe with a damp clean cloth to remove baking soda residue.

How to remove discolouration:

1. Wipe away as much of the stain or discoloration as possible with a clean damp cloth.
2. Cut a lemon in half. Rub one half of the lemon directly on the stain.
3. Repeat with the other half as needed.
4. Wipe the area with a damp, clean cloth to remove any lemon residue.
5. Dry with a separate cloth.

How to remove dirt/mud build up:

1. Mix one cup of apple cider vinegar with a gallon of warm water.
2. Add one tablespoon of dish soap. The dish soap will lift and remove dirt.
3. Use a mop with nylon scrub bristles as this can provide a deeper clean.
4. Thoroughly dry the floor afterward.