

IMPORTANT HUMIDITY CONTROL:

Wood strip and parquet flooring are natural wood products of Mother Nature. As a result, hardwood will absorb excess moisture under humid conditions and release its normal moisture content under excessively dry conditions. All wood flooring expands in the humid summer weather and shrinks in dry winter weather.

All flooring, particularly square edge type is apt to swell during the humid season and will shrink when heat is applied. We cannot be responsible for installations where either excessively humid or excessively dry conditions exist. In order to protect your floor, we strongly recommend the use of both a dehumidifier system in the summer, and a humidifier system in the winter. Always follow these guidelines at the appropriate time of the year.

When the furnace or other heating systems are off....During late spring, summer and early fall we strongly recommend the use of a dehumidifier system in the basement. This will protect your wood floor from excessive humidity which could result in expansion and warping the strip or parquet bars.

When the furnace or other heating systems are on....During late fall, winter and early spring we strongly recommend the use of a humidifier system. As well as protection for your health, a humidifier system will also provide moisture in the air to help the problem of shrinking (cracks between strip or parquet bars) in your wood floors.

DISCOLOURATION:

Light stain colours (for example white, grey, etc.) will show more discolouration than dark stain colours. Any covered areas (area rugs etc.) should be moved periodically to help slow down aging. Blocking sun light from shining directly on the floor will also help slow the aging process.

ROUTINE CARE:

Clean your hardwood floors with a vacuum cleaner, dry dust mop or with a well wrung out mop. Wipe up spills immediately with a well wrung out damp cloth and wipe area at once. Polyurethane floors are not scratch proof. Dirt and grit will abrade the surface and wear off the finish. Remove daily by sweeping or vacuuming. Do not pull furniture across the floor. Use floor protector pads on legs of furniture.

Follow these few simple rules and your hardwood floors will give you beauty and satisfaction for many years. Keep this floor care guide handy for a quick reminder on how to best care for your hardwood floors.

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