

Floor Seasons

The Hardwood Flooring Company

Maintenance & General Care

Nothing quite matches the appearance of a timber floor. With a degree of care, it should last for generations. The finish of your wooden floor should provide years of reasonable protection against dirt and moisture. Day to day maintenance of sweeping, vacuum cleaning and light mopping (without excessive water) is perfectly acceptable. Still, it is important to note that care must be taken to prevent any excessive moisture coming in contact with the floor. Isolated cleaning with a damp cloth is fine, but we do not recommend excessive mopping. Floor cleaning products are available from Floor Seasons. It is important to remember that with isolated cleaning, always start with the weakest solution (plain water) and work toward stronger substances, if necessary.

Oiled floors will need to have a coat of maintenance oil applied at application, then re-applied to them periodically. The frequency in which this is necessary will depend on the amount of wear on the floor. The method for oiling is to apply a thin coat of maintenance oil, leave to dry (approximately 1 hour) and buff if a soft shine is wanted.

It is important to remember that timber like any natural flooring is or was a living material. Timber, although no longer growing as part of a tree, is still very much part of the environment, responding to light, temperature, humidity and wear. A proper wooden floor takes four seasons to settle into its environment and it is normal to see some movement in the boards and some gaps can open up with the changes in temperature and humidity. This is brought on by heating and the natural changes in the seasons throughout the year. As the floor ages, the colour will mellow and deepen, this is no cause for alarm; it is a natural process due to oxidation of the wood, and the ultraviolet light present in sunlight. This is happening to your painted surfaces, rugs, furniture and upholstery too.

Our pre-finished hardwood flooring comes in two varieties: oil finished and lacquer finished. Oil is the traditional finish for hardwood flooring. The timber is sealed with oil at the factory; then, after fitting, the surface of the floor is coated with hardwax/maintenance oil. Wood finished by this method possesses a soft, natural sheen. It is more forgiving of scratches and scuffing, as maintenance oil can be rubbed into the odd scratch, virtually erasing it. Our lacquered flooring, finished at the factory, is an easy-care alternative to traditional oil and will give a soft shine to the floor; however, isolated repairs with lacquer is not possible. Some of our floors come unfinished and are finished on site and the choice of finish is up to you!