

Routine Maintenance

Following these simple maintenance guidelines and tips will keep your laminate floors looking great and lasting longer.

Frequent sweeping or vacuuming

Complete cleaning can be done by damp mopping using the manufacturer's recommended products. Never flood the floor with water or cleaner. Laminate flooring can expand if excessive water is used while cleaning. After mopping, use a clean dry cloth to wipe the floor of any excess water.

For spills, use a damp cloth or sponge and a mild soap or detergent. Difficult stains such as coffee or tea can be removed using a mild household cleaner/detergent and a soft bristle brush, repeating as necessary. If a stain persists, use a paste of baking soda and water and apply with a soft bristled brush. Light scrubbing for 10 to 20 strokes should remove most stains. Although baking soda is a low abrasive, excessive scrubbing or exerting too much force could damage the decorative surface, especially if it has a gloss finish.

For difficult stains, use nail polish remover that contains acetone or alcohol. If using nail polish remover, test in a hidden area first, then follow the instructions on the label for use and finish by wiping with a damp cloth. If you spill a drain cleaner, wipe it up immediately and rinse several times with water; drain cleaners containing dye will permanently damage any laminate surface. Hair, textile, and food dyes can cause permanent stains. If dye should happen to spill, wipe it up immediately with dishwashing detergent or an all-purpose cleaner.

Place a natural or colorfast mat at outdoor entrances to collect dirt and absorb excess moisture.

Preventative Maintenance

To prevent indentations, use floor protectors on chairs and other furniture.

Do not use soap-based detergents or mop-and-shine products as they may leave a dull film on your floor.

Do not use abrasive cleaners, steel wool, or scouring powder, which can all scratch the laminate surface.

Do not use a wax polish on your laminate floor.

Never place pots or dishes directly from the oven or a hot surface onto an unprotected laminate surface.