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## OIL AND WAX FINISHES

As with any flooring product, follow a program of cleaning, sweeping and vacuuming to eliminate as much dirt and grit as possible, and remember that moisture should not come in contact with the floor. If it does, it should be wiped up immediately. A good quality dust mop is great for quick clean up and for heavy traffic areas. Vacuum your wood floors at the same time you vacuum your carpets. The beater bars on my vacuum have never damaged my oil and wax finish.

Always use the manufacturers recommended cleaning product if possible. A generic hardwood floor cleaner such as Dura Seals Renovator will also work.

Most finish warranties will be voided by using oil soap cleaners. Not only will it void the warranty but it will make an oil finish dull out rapidly and possibly damage your wood.

Wipe up spills immediately with a lightly dampened cloth, then follow up with a dry rag or towel. If area remains dull use recommended cleaning product, buff up with #00 steel wool and wax if needed.

For stubborn stains dampen a soft cloth with cleaning product and rub area, then buff with steel wool and wax if needed. If necessary repeat above step before applying wax.

When your finish begins to lose luster in heavy traffic areas your finish needs help. Start by buffing the area with #0 steel wool or a nylon polishing pad. If the luster does not return a light application of Renovator and a light coat of wax. Renovator and wax can both be applied using your buffer. Avoid heavy applications of wax. Heavily waxed floors will trap dirt and grit and scuff easily. Buff heavy traffic areas when wax is scuffed or bothering you.

Keep the dogs toenails clipped, they will scuff your finish and if the dog is heavy enough dent your flooring.

Keep padded protectors on chairs and couches. Carry items across wood floors do not drag.

High heel shoes will dent wood floors and if a protective heel cover is missing your floor will be damaged.

Clean your floors before and after social gatherings.

If flooring color begins to fade in direct sunlight you may add color to renovator while cleaning your floor. This will help restore your floors color.

