

Newly Installed Floor Care

- Always use plywood or other boards when moving heavy objects across the floor.
- Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the floor to remove all loose dirt and grit. Construction dust and joint compound can be deposited on the flooring. If it is not completely removed and then wet mopped, it will create a haze on the surface of the flooring.
- Lightly damp mop with well wrung mop.

Initial & Routine Maintenance (Daily or as needed)

- Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the floor to remove all loose dirt and grit. Do not use treated dust mops.
- Close blinds or curtains where bright sunlight hits the floor for extended periods of time. Prolonged exposure to heat and sunlight can cause most home furnishings to fade.
- Support furniture with wide-bearing, non-staining floor protectors. Ideally, the protectors should be at least one inch in diameter, made of non-pigmented hard plastic, and rest flat on the floor. Non-staining felt protectors are also acceptable. Casters with a minimum 3/4" flat surface width or floor protectors are recommended for all moveable furniture. Make sure any metal protectors are rust-proof. Replace your narrow dome furniture rests with wide-bearing ones.
- Clean the floor using a properly diluted **Neutral pH cleaner** in cool water or ready to use spray cleaner that will not leave a residue such as Bona Professional Series Stone, Tile, and Laminate Cleaner in a pre-mixed spray bottle. **Follow label instructions.**

Prevention

The single greatest cause of damage to any flooring or floor finish is abrasion from dirt and grit. Wherever possible, use walk off mats at entrances and doorways. Use non-staining floor protectors under heavy furniture, chairs, and tables. Always protect floors when moving heavy objects to prevent permanent scratches and tears. Do not tape floor protection to your LVP. Tape can damage surfaces. Oil or petroleum-based products can result in surface staining. Do not track asphalt-driveway sealer or automobile-oil drips onto the vinyl floor covering. Mats and rugs should not utilize latex or rubber backings. Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to remove loose dirt. Do NOT use vacuums that use a beater bar or turn beater bar off. Do NOT use electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms with no padding. Clean up spills immediately. Damp mop as needed using clean water and a diluted floor cleaner. Do NOT use harsh cleaners or chemicals on the floor. Do NOT use abrasive scrubbing tools. Do NOT use detergents, abrasive cleaners or "mop and shine" products. Vinyl flooring, like other types of smooth floors, may become slippery when wet. Allow time for floor to dry after cleaning. Immediately wipe up wet areas from spills, foreign substances or wet feet.