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## **How to Clean Laminate Flooring**

Laminate flooring is incredibly durable, but like any floor, it requires care to maintain its beauty. Taking proper care of your laminate floors will reward you and your home for years to come. Here's some advice to keep your laminate floors looking their very best:

[Click here to find a professional laminate floor cleaning company in your area.](#)

### **Sweeping & Mopping**

Dust and dirt act as an abrasive on a laminate's surface and seriously dull its appearance. This fact of life can be avoided by regular sweeping, dust mopping or vacuuming to remove loose dirt and grime. Either a broom or a vacuum cleaner without a beater bar will do the trick. Vacuum cleaner attachments are useful to capture dust and dirt between planks or along edges.

An occasional damp mopping is also recommended. But be careful — laminate flooring can expand when it comes in contact with excessive water. After a damp mopping, a clean cloth should be used to wipe the floor dry.

Placing doormats at each entryway is also a good idea to collect excessive moisture and dirt before they enter your home.

### **Dos and Don'ts**

**Do** use glides or floor protectors on the bottom of furniture will prevent scratching or abrasion.

**Don't** use soap-based detergents or "mop-and-shine" products.

**Do** lift heavy furniture instead of dragging or pulling it to avoid scratching and abrasion.

**Don't** use abrasive cleaners, steel wool or scouring powder.

**Do** use carpet fragments face down under heavy objects when moving them across a laminate floor.

**Don't** flood your floor with water or cleaner. For information on steam cleaning laminate flooring, see our blog post on Floor Talk.

**Do** your spot cleaning and occasional complete cleaning using the manufacturer's recommended products.

**Don't** try to refinish or sand your laminate floor. Banish this thought from your mind.

## **Repair**

While it's not a good idea to drag sharp items or walk across laminate floors with stiletto heels, it's nice to know that replacement products are available. Replacement laminates may be a slightly different dye lot and/or texture than your original installation. With time and usage, however, the replacement product will blend in with the rest of your floor.

With proper care and regular maintenance, laminate flooring will provide you and your home with many years of beauty, warmth and durability.