

# Home Outlet Savvy Buyers Guide To Flooring

## Hardwood

Cost Level:\* \$\$\$\$

### Benefits:

- Increases home value
- Many years of use
- Can be refinished
- Timeless, classic look
- Unique texture on each plank
- Natural, Green alternative to manmade materials

Install Skill Level: TTTT

### Considerations:

- Cost
- Installation / labor
- Maintenance
- Can scratch, scuff or dent easier
- May be better left to a professional

## Porcelain

Cost Level:\* \$\$

### Benefits:

- Look of hardwood, granite, marble or stone at a lower price
- Versatile & durable
- Waterproof
- Scratch resistant
- Many styles available

Install Skill Level: TTT

### Considerations:

- Moderate cost
- Sub-floor must be level and stable
- Installation / labor
- Can break or crack with heavy impacts

## Laminate

Cost Level:\* \$

### Benefits:

- Look of hardwood at a lower price
- Water resistant options
- Easy upkeep
- Easy to install
- Many styles available

Install Skill Level: TT

### Considerations:

- Low to moderate cost
- Can scratch, scuff or dent easier

## Carpet

Cost Level:\* \$

### Benefits:

- Insulation from cold floors
- Easy upkeep
- Easy to install
- Many styles available

Install Skill Level: T

### Considerations:

- Low cost
- Can stain
- Can be difficult to keep clean

## Engineered Hardwood

Cost Level:\* \$\$\$

### Benefits:

- Real hardwood at a lower price
- More stable than hardwood
- Unique texture on each plank
- More styles available than hardwood

Install Skill Level: TTTT

### Considerations:

- Cost
- Installation / labor
- Maintenance
- Can scratch, scuff or dent easier

## Vinyl Plank

Cost Level:\* \$\$

### Benefits:

- Look of wood or tile at a lower price
- Waterproof
- Easy upkeep
- Easy to install
- Many styles available
- DIY friendly

Install Skill Level: TT

### Considerations:

- Moderate cost
- Can scratch, scuff or dent easier

## Ceramic

Cost Level:\* \$

### Benefits:

- Look of hardwood granite, marble or stone at a lower price
- Waterproof
- Easy upkeep
- Many styles available

Install Skill Level: TTTT

### Considerations:

- Low cost
- Can scratch or crack with heavy impacts
- Sub-floor must be level and stable
- Not for outdoors use

## Sheet Vinyl

Cost Level:\* \$

### Benefits:

- Look of wood, tile, or stone at a lower price
- Waterproof
- Easy upkeep
- Easy to install
- Many styles available

Install Skill Level: T

### Considerations:

- Low cost
- Can scratch, scuff or dent easier