

Bell Hardwood Floors Maintenance Guide

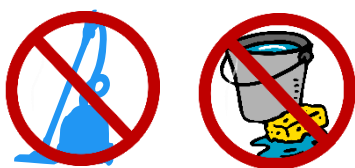
1. Regular Cleaning

Use Bell Floor Cleaner (safe to use on all types of floors) concentrate diluted with water when mopping floors

Sweep floors regularly with a soft nylon bristle broom, an untreated synthetic dust mop, or a light weight vacuum to keep loose dirt/grit from scratching your floor and finish.

*Do not use a vacuum that has a beater bar.

*No wet mopping/steam cleaners as they can discolor or damage floor



2. Do not use unauthorized maintenance products

Such as oils soaps, paste wax, or other cleaners containing lemon oil, citrus oils, tung oils, ammonia, or silicone.

*Do not use 2 in 1 cleaner that contain acrylics or urethane polish to restore gloss, as use of these products could void warranty.

*Do not use treated commercial dust-mop or Swiffer type products as they may contain petroleum-based solvents that can leave a chemical residue. These products when used over time, can leave a buildup on your finish which can cause the finish to dull and can adversely affect the ability to refinish your floors in the future.

3. Clean up all spills

All spills must be cleaned up immediately. Do NOT let spills sit overnight. Clean up with dry soft cloth or sponge.

4. Pets

Keep pet nails well-trimmed and paws free of dirt, gravel, grease, and other staining agents. Pet urine, feces or

vomit should be cleaned up immediately as they can damage your floor.

5. Preventions

- Use walk off mats at interior/exterior doorways (front door, garage, slider, etc..) to trap grit from incoming traffic.
- Remove spiked, damaged, or worn-out high heels before walking on floors.
- Use area rugs in high traffic areas
- Use window coverings on any windows that may expose flooring to extreme heat. (Too much heat will adversely affect the flooring causing excess shrinkage/warpage)

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6. Furniture

- Use fabric faced glides on all legs of furniture. (Allows furniture to be moved without scuffing) *Clean the glides regularly since grit can become embedded in them & replace glides when worn out.
- Use a protective sheet of Masonite (smooth side down) when moving heavy objects across the floor. (Pianos, hutch, appliances, etc.)
- Office/desk chairs should be rubber barrel to prevent dents/scratches
- Rug pads containing PVC can off-gas and damage the floor finish.
- Rugs with flexible backs or solid vinyl should not be used as they cannot breathe and could discolor or make the surface slippery.

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7. Suggestions

- During dry winter months, use a humidifier to keep wood movement (shrinkage) to a minimum.
- During humid summer months, use an air conditioner and/or additional ventilation to keep wood from picking up too much moisture.

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- *Helps to have a thermostat with humidity levels to monitor at home
- *Cupping/splitting are a reaction to either extreme dry or wet conditions and not related to a manufactured/ installation defect.
- *Humidity levels should be kept between 32%-42%



- We recommend maintenance coats every 2-5 years (depending on foot traffic and lifestyle) when you notice traffic or wear patterns in your finish.
- Do NOT let your finish wear down to the bare wood, this will prevent the floor from being able to have only a maintenance coat done, thereby requiring a complete sand and finish.

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