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How to prevent flooring from aging prematurely



Homeowners who are inclined to spend generously on furniture and decor while overlooking the floors may be placing themselves at a disadvantage.



How?

Flooring likely leaves an indelible footprint. Perish the thought of greeting invited guests with grimy, musty, cracked floors. Even the nicest furniture and decor displayed with poorly kept flooring likely tarnishes an otherwise favorable impression. The following cleaning and maintenance suggestions are provided for the purpose of preserving the appearance of your flooring and extending its life in the process:

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Swiftly sop up the unsightly spills:

Certain cleaning chemicals or acidic liquids risk ruining the top surface of your floor if they are not removed immediately. Leaving the floor to dry risks damaging protective layers, which may lead to discoloration and rotting of underlayments. Preventive maintenance is helpful. Clean spills as they happen. Use mild cleaning agents made for the flooring at home. Take into account that heavy abrasives and harsh cleaning agents are likely to damage even the most durable flooring. During the cleaning routine, avoid overlooking easily forgotten corners and those obscured areas beneath appliances. Focus on these areas. Thoroughly clean them.



Faithfully follow a cleaning routine:

While flooring has a long life expectancy, do not forget about them. Keep a regular cleaning and maintenance schedule. Deal with scuffs, scratches, cracking or warping. Vacuum and sweep the floor weekly or daily with a soft-bristled broom. Prevent dirt and buildup likely to damage a floor's surface. Hardwood floors might be resistant to wear and scratching though they require waxing. Applying protective coating is recommended.

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Use protective mats, and matting:

While not the most decorative of surface coverings, mats and matting placed at entrances, exits, and high-traffic areas provide an effective means of reducing surface wear. In a way, mats and matting act as the protectors of the flooring. Mats and matting can be considered the metaphorical guardians of a floor, which trap the dirt, sand, asphalt, oil, and grit; otherwise risking the erosion of a floor's protective coatings which, if compromised, might even damage the flooring.



Fit all furniture legs with padding:

Applying protective pads or caps to the bottom of chair and table legs are likely to extend the life of both wood flooring and wall-to-wall carpeting.

Following the above suggestions are likely to help preserve the appearance and life of your flooring.

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