

Caring for your timber flooring investment

Regular maintenance of your timber floor is critical to ensure this investment appreciates in value over the years.

This can be achieved by following some simple steps which are set out below.

1. Provide quality walk-off matting at all entrances (these are available from your local hardware store). This is your first defence against abrasive grit, dirt, and sand being tracked onto the floor. Also, be sure to remove your work boots or high heels.
2. Mop daily using an electrostatic mop. Do not use vacuum cleaners unless specified by the manufacturer. Under no circumstances can you use steam mops.



3. Do not use oil-impregnated mops, as these may spread a thin oil film over the surface, causing a possible slip hazard.
4. Only use a damp mop, never a wet mop. Any excessive moisture will be immediately absorbed by the timber and likely cause expansion and later contraction.
5. If any liquid spills on the floor, immediately wipe it up to prevent absorption.
6. Do not use methylated spirits or any household detergent (diluted or otherwise) to clean your floor. Over time, these will cause a cloudy residue.
7. Only use specialised timber flooring cleaner (Versadet or equivalent) or warm water mixed with a small amount of vinegar applied with a damp mop.

