

Maintaining Hardwood Flooring

- Sweep, dust mop, or vacuum regularly (at least weekly)
- Use additional cleaning methods only when your hardwood floor really needs it to prolong the life of your floor.
- Choose a pH-neutral water-based cleaner for regular cleaning, or an alkaline water-based cleaner (soaps, detergents, or baking soda dissolved in water) for more aggressive cleaning.
 - DO NOT use bleach, ammonia, or abrasive cleaners on your hardwood floors!
- Dilute your chosen cleaning agent in a bucket of water (distilled is preferred)
- Dampen your mop in cleaning solution and squeeze well
- Run your mop over the floor with the grain
- Change out cleaning solution if it gets too dirty
- Use a dry mop to soak excess liquid off the floors
 - DO NOT allow excess liquid to sit on floor for any amount of time!
- After you have sanitized your floors with cleaner, rinse out your bucket and repeat the process using clear water.

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