

## Maintenance Guide

### Don't damp mop

Please keep in mind that water and wood floors don't mix! Use only Dekael recommended cleaning products on your hardwood.

### Vacuum Regularly

Small stones, mud and gritty dirt tracked in from outside can scratch the finish of your wood floor's finish. Use only soft bristle brush attachment.

### Use the proper chair glides

Narrow wheels, sharp wooden legs or metal furniture legs can scratch and dent hardwood floors. Any furniture that rests directly on top of a hardwood floor should have felt protectors, or furniture coasters under all its feet. For extremely heavy objects such as a piano, use wide, non-staining rubber cups. Purchasing floor protectors is a cheap insurance for protecting your hardwood floor investment.

### Keep pet claws trimmed

To avoid scratches from pets be sure to regularly trim your pet's claws.

### Doormats

Use non-stainable doormats can help stop dirt and debris from being tracked in on your hardwood floors.

### Don't use oil and soaps

There are many over the counter oil-based soaps and wax based cleaning products that may damage or full the finish of your wood floor. The best suggesting is to only use the manufacturers recommended cleaning products on your hardwood flooring.



### **Never wax a urethane floor**

If your hardwood floor has a polyurethane finish never use a paste wax on the floor's surface. A paste wax may form a sticky film on your floor and allow tracked in dirt to stick to your wood finish.

### **Never slide heavy objects directly over your wood floor**

Use a pad 6mm underlayment underneath the object when moving heavy objects over your wood flooring. In new construction it is wise to cover your wood floors while still under construction, or while moving your furniture into the home.

### **Wipe spills immediately**

When accidents happen and some liquid gets spilled on your hardwood floor, you should use a slightly damp white cloth, or paper towel to immediately clean up and dry the effected area. For more difficult spots, follow Dekael recommended cleaning procedure.

