



Laminate Flooring General Care Guidelines

This guide offers general advice about caring for laminate flooring. Proper maintenance guidelines may vary by manufacturer, so please, call the experts at Cherry Carpet and Flooring to learn more about your specific flooring at 757.397.5811.

We carry a variety of manufacturer's maintenance products to provide the right floor care product for your new and existing flooring.

- **Vacuum Regularly** - Vacuum using a soft bristle brush attachment. Place long bristle welcome mats placed at all outside entrances for people to wipe their feet on before walking on your floors.
- **Light Damp Mop** - Most laminate floors may be lightly damped mopped when needed. Avoid standing water as this may cause the seams between the planks to peak.
- **Use the Proper Chair Glides** - Narrow wheels, sharp wooden legs or metal furniture legs can scratch your floors. Any furniture that rests directly on top of a laminate floor should have floor protectors, or wide furniture coasters under all feet.
- **Don't Use Oil Soaps** - There are many over the counter oil-based soaps that when used for cleaning your floor that will leave a dull finish on your floor.
- **Trim Pet's Claws Regularly** - Even though laminate floors are durable, pet's claws may scratch the surface if they are not trimmed regularly.
- **Never Wax a Laminate Floor** - Laminate floors have a very dense surface and floor waxes will not stick to the surface.
- **Wipe Spills Immediately** - When liquids get spilled on your laminate floor use a slightly damp white cloth, or paper towel to immediately blot up and dry the affected area. For more difficult spots, follow the manufacturer's recommended cleaning procedures.
- **Follow the manufacturer's recommendations** - Only use the manufacturer's recommended cleaning products on your floor.