

Caring for your Laminate Floors

The versatility of laminate flooring is what makes it a favorite with homeowners who want a beautiful floor that's long-lasting and easy to clean. To get the performance you want from your laminate floor, follow these simple steps.

Routine cleaning for your laminate floor

- Your scratch resistant laminate floor is extremely durable, but everyday dirt and grit could eventually lead to fine scratches that can dull the surface. Regularly dust mop or vacuum laminate flooring with a soft brush or wood floor attachment to pick up dust and grit. You can also use a slightly damp mop for spot cleaning.
- Clean up liquid spills as soon as they occur with a cloth or sponge. Don't allow excess liquids or wet areas – including your pet's water bowl – to pool on the floor or they may stain or damage your floor's protective wear layer.
- For occasional thorough cleaning, use a well-squeezed mop dampened with [Armstrong Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner](#) or Bruce® Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner. A light mopping is all you need!
- Don't use soap-based detergents or "mop and shine" products as these can leave a dull film on the surface of your laminate floor.

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Your beautiful Armstrong laminate floor is extremely scratch- and impact-resistant, but it's not indestructible. Maximize the durability of your laminate floor by following these care and maintenance tips.

- Place a natural material mat or a mat that won't fade or bleed color at outside entrances to collect tracked-in dirt and absorb excess moisture.
- Use protective felt pads under furniture legs and appliances. As a general rule, the heavier the item, the wider the floor protector should be to prevent indentation.
- Avoid wearing high heels or shoes with cleats on your laminate flooring, and keep your pets' nails trimmed.
- When moving furniture, don't slide pieces across a laminate floor. If possible, carefully lift heavy items when repositioning them. Or use a wheeled dolly after first placing a clean sheet of smooth plywood or large, heavy cardboard over your laminate floor to protect it.
- If you expect an area of your laminate floor will be subjected to heavier than normal foot traffic, use an area rug.
- Occasionally, rearrange furniture to avoid indentation.
- Make minor nicks or scratches disappear with a color-matched correction kit, such as Armstrong's Laminate Floor Touch-Up Kit.
- Be sure to check the manufacturer's warranty for additional care instructions and recommendations.

As you can see, it doesn't take much time or effort to ensure your beautiful laminate floor will look and perform its best year after year.