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CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF WOOD FLOORING

Your Newly Finished Floor:

- Light foot traffic is allowed one to two hours after the finish has completely dried.
- Normal foot traffic may be resumed 24 hours after the finish has completely dried.
- Furniture may be returned to the area two to three days after the finish has dried.
- Refrigerators require special attention. After 72 hours, they may be placed on the floor, but use floor guards, masonite or plywood when moving. Do not use cardboard!
- Please wait two weeks before using the recommended floor cleaner.
- Rugs may be returned to the area after the polyurethane finish has fully cured:
 - Oil modified polyurethane cure time is at least 30 days, depending upon conditions.
 - Waterbase polyurethane cure time is seven to ten days, depending upon conditions.

Protect Your Wood Floor:

- Use floor protectors on the bottom of all furniture. These are available in a variety of sizes and styles.
- Use area rugs in front of sink and walk-off mats at entryways to prevent tracking of water on your floor.
- High heels will dent the wood fibers of your floor. This can occur regardless of the finish.
- Keep your pet's toenails trimmed.
- All surfaces can be scratched, but wood floor scratches are repairable. A small amount of the finish can be rubbed into the scratch with a clean, white rag and the scratch will disappear.

Keep your Wood Floor Clean:

- Remove grit regularly with a soft broom or vacuum.
- Wipe up spills with a clean, dry cloth or a paper towel. Use a slightly damp cloth to wipe up sticky foods.
- ONLY USE a wood floor cleaner recommended for your type of wood floor finish. DO NOT USE waxes, furniture polish, oil soaps or other commercially advertised products for wood. These products may result in a filmy build-up which will cause the finish to appear dull and dirty. Also, they can contaminate the floor requiring a complete resanding, rather than a less-costly recoating.

Control the Humidity:

- Wood is a natural product which is affected by the humidity in the air. Dry air will cause your floor to contract, causing separation of the boards. If indoor humidity levels drop below 40 percent, a humidifier should be used to prevent excessive separation.
- Conversely, too much humidity can cause the floor to cup or buckle. If the humidity rises over 50 percent, use air conditioning. Fans may be used for ventilation throughout the home, as well.

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