



We've Completed the Job. Now What?

Prevent Scratching

Put felt pads on the bottom of any furniture that will come into direct contact with your floors. This will help minimize scratches and dents in your new floors. To further prevent scratches place rugs at all entrances. Finally, avoid walking on your wood floors with cleats or high heels. These can scratch the finish or even dent your new floor.

Color Changes

As your wood ages you should expect some color changes to occur. Because wood is a natural product it is prone to changes in appearance, though, in most cases the change is quite subtle. Direct sunlight, furniture and rugs can cause color changes as well, so try to move your furnishings and rugs from time to time to minimize color variations.

Environmental Changes

Be prepared for spaces to appear and disappear between boards during seasons of low and high humidity. Being a product of nature, wood breathes and reacts to changes in humidity and temperature. This can cause temporary spaces in your floor. Generally anything less than the width of a dime is considered normal. In most cases these changes will fix themselves when conditions are more favorable. You can help minimize this situation by maintaining consistent humidity levels in your home, within 20 percent from season to season.

Cleaning and Maintenance

Finally, to keep your wood floors looking their best, you will need to properly care for and maintain them. Be cautious of using floor cleaning materials (even those marketed as "wood friendly") that you purchase at your local store. These products may contain chemicals that could damage your finish and possibly prevent future coats from properly adhering. You can purchase a commercial grade cleaner at our office which can be used for spot cleaning and damp mopping. You should keep your cleaning tools (brooms, mops, etc.) that you on your wood floors separate from those you use for your other floor coverings. Broom sweeping (soft bristles) and damp mopping are the **only** techniques advised for hardwood flooring care. If you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact our office at 502-261-8233.