

FP Bois Inc.

Care & Maintenance guideline

Care & Maintenance of Bordeaux Pine Flooring

Lasting beauty can be achieved through purchasing a quality floor covering and providing proper on-going maintenance.

PROPERTIES:

Fading: Wood contains organic pigments that will fade when exposed to direct sunlight. Where possible, use drapes or other protection to reduce exposure of your floor from excessive sunlight.

Joints: Wood floor systems expand and contract in response to fluctuations in temperature and humidity. By maintaining an adequate temperature and relative humidity, the visible effects of the normal contraction and expansion of the floor will be minimized.

PROTECTION:

Hardwood flooring, unlike other types of floor coverings can be kept looking new, regardless of wear, with a minimum amount of effort. To protect against damage, just follow some basic, sensible guidelines. If your floor happens to get damaged, don't panic. One of the benefits of wood flooring is that because it is a natural flooring material, it can be repaired and / or refinished to look just like new. Here are some tips for its longevity:

1. To help eliminate fine particles of dirt/ grit that act like sandpaper and will scratch floor, vacuum and sweep as needed.
2. Spills should be wiped up immediately.
3. To prevent excess dirt and grit from coming in contact with floors, use entry mats or rugs at all exterior doors. Throw rugs are also recommended on the inside of those doors. High traffic or potential spill areas in kitchens should employ this tactic.
4. Avoid rubber backed or other non-ventilated mats or rugs.
5. Many wood species are photosensitive to direct or indirect U.V light, over time your floor may show signs of a slight change in appearance; move area rugs occasionally and shade or curtain large exposed windows to minimize this effect.
6. Please use felt floor protectors wherever possible, this will allow your furniture to be moved while minimizing the opportunity for surface scratching. Clean or replace your protectors often as dirt or grit can be embedded in them. Ball type casters are not recommended as they may dent your floor. Avoid any floor protectors that are plastic.
7. Weight distribution is a key factor in preventing indentation. Furniture will require different types of "feet" protectors in order to achieve maximum weight distribution. Resilient pads such as those made of felt, flexible rubber, and saucer-shaped plastics glides will work for most furniture. Pine is softwood and some indentations are to be expected. Since the line is mostly rustic, it will only add some additional "character" to the floor.
8. Keep pets nails trimmed to avoid scratches to your floor.
9. Caster wheeled chairs should have wide casters. A protective mat should be used under office chairs.



10. Be aware of marking soled shoes and keep high-heeled shoes in good repair. Marks from marking soled shoes can be removed by using mineral spirits and a soft cloth or towel.
11. We recommend purchasing cleaning products designated specifically for wood floors that are not acetone or solvent based. These can be purchased through your flooring installer or directly from your flooring distributor. Using a vinegar and water dissolution is not recommended.
12. Never use any kind of over the counter oil, oil-soap, or solvent based products to clean or maintain your floor, they will, with repeat use, erode the protective finish and dull the luster in your floor.
13. Maintain a minimum humidity of 50% in the room. If necessary, use a humidifier.
14. Periodically check floor for signs of wear.
15. Never use tape or other adhesive products on this surface.
16. Periodically check floor for signs of wear. When visible, it is time to repair your floor with an application of maintenance product.

Floors that have been damaged from years of wear and tear or neglect can be restored to their original beauty by sanding, staining and refinishing. For best results, we recommend this be done by a professional wood flooring refinisher.

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