

## **POLYURETHANE COATED HARDWOOD FLOORS**

### **PREVENT DAMAGE TO HARDWOOD FLOORS**

Many times scratches on hardwood floors can be attributed to the lack of preventative maintenance in the home. There are many easy things you can do to prevent scratches.

- Take high heels off at the door. In fact, if possible always remove shoes at the door!
- Trim your pets' claws
- Dust and vacuum floors on a regular basis to rid of sand, dirt, or grit build-up
- Place mats both inside and outside exterior doors to trap dirt. Use rugs in high traffic areas.
- Use protective felt pads on the feet of furniture
- Mop floors AT LEAST every other week

### **WHAT CLEANER SHOULD BE USED**

We recommend Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaners. [www.mybonahome.com/lines/hardwood-floor-cleaners.html](http://www.mybonahome.com/lines/hardwood-floor-cleaners.html)

### **HOW OFTEN SHOULD I CLEAN?**

This varies, depending on your household and the square footage of your wood floors. Kids, pets and environment all contribute to wear on your floor. That said, Bona recommends cleaning as often as possible. Keeping your floor free from dirt and dust helps prevent scuffs and scratches. A clean floor is a longer lasting floor.

### **ADVANCED TIPS**

- Use proper tools to clean your floor – a mop paired with a machine washable, microfiber pad for dusting and cleaning. Electrostatic action attracts dirt, microparticles and common household allergens.
- Avoid using water and vinegar, soap-based cleaners, wax or steam cleaners on your hardwood floors. Vinegar and water actually dull the floor's finish over time, while soap and wax leave residue. Steam cleaners put heat and excessive water on your floor, which can lead to cupping and long-term damage.
- Regular dusting and cleaning keeps hardwood floors looking new. But protective mats can further your floor's life. Use natural rubber rug underlayments with a waffle pattern in entry ways or high traffic areas, and use felt floor protectors on furniture.
- Depending on the amount of traffic in your home, we recommend polishing the floors every 2-3 months with our [Bona Hardwood Floor Polish](#) and sanding and refinishing approximately every 3-5 years.