

## **SIGNATURE HARDWOODS – WAXED HARDWOOD FLOORS (PAGE 1 OF 2)**

### **HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT TIPS TO HELP YOU PROTECT YOUR WAXED HARDWOOD FLOOR**

#### **AVOID SPIKE HEELS AND FURNITURE GLIDES**

- Spike heels are damaging to hardwood flooring. They strike a floor with more force per inch than an elephant's foot. Spike heels in disrepair are especially harmful to your floor.
- Do not use rugs with solid rubber or vinyl backings directly on your hardwood floor. Let your floor breathe.
- Round-headed chair glides and narrow wheels on furniture legs are also damaging. They can scratch or permanently dent your floor. Spread the weight. Use commercially made felt protectors or furniture coasters to prevent scratches and dents.

#### **GRIT IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST DANGERS TO YOUR FLOOR**

- Tracked-in dirt is like sandpaper on hardwood flooring.
- Use a walk-off or entry rug at every outdoor entrance to catch grit.
- Vacuum or shake out regularly.

#### **EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS OF WATER AND WOOD DON'T MIX**

- Wood is a natural material that swells when it absorbs water and shrinks when it dries.
- Wipe up spills immediately to keep your floor unmarked, smooth and level.
- Never use excessive amounts of water to clean or mop your waxed wood floor.

#### **USE MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS SPECIFICALLY MANUFACTURED FOR WAXED HARDWOOD FLOORS**

- Use of unapproved products will void your warranty
- Please refer to the attached maintenance recommendations

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Properly maintained a floor finished with OSMO Polyx oil can last a lifetime, and is simple to refinish if needed. Below you will find maintenance instructions and information on which product to use when.

### **CLEAN THE FLOOR AS NEEDED**

Vacuum, sweep or dust regularly to remove grit. Dust the floor using the Opti-Set with the green Dust-Mop attachment. Damp mop as needed using Wash and Care and the Opti-Set with the Micro-mop plush (white fluffy pad) attachment.

### **REFRESHING/REPAIRING THE FINISH AS NEEDED**

Use OSMO Wash and Care for regular cleaning

Dull marks and traffic patterns in high use areas are normal in a floor with wax as part of the finish and can be easily refreshed. In order to refresh high use areas, such as entry and doorways, clean the surface thoroughly and allow to dry, then use liquid wax cleaner to spot restore sheen every 3-4 months or as needed. Attach the Active fiber cloth to the Opti-Set and apply a small amount of OSMO Liquid Wax Cleaner to the cloth. Rub this into the surface. Allow to dry for 30 to 60 minutes, until the material dries to a haze. Buff lightly with a soft cotton cloth (you can use either Active fiber cloth or the Micro-mop plush for this light buffing). To repair superficial scratches, stains or ground-in dirt, use a white abrasive pad or #000 steel wool to rub a small amount of liquid wax cleaner into the affected area. Wipe up immediately with a cotton cloth to remove residue so that no excess material is left on the repair area.

### **LIVING WITH YOUR NEW FINISH**

You can walk on the floor in stocking feet once the second coat has thoroughly dried, usually eight to 24 hours. But move heavy furniture carefully, and do not unroll carpets for at least a week. OSMO Polyx-Oil cures over several weeks, and it must have contact with fresh air during this time. If possible, leave the floor uncovered for two or three weeks. The finish may look blotchy at first, but it should even out in a day or two. If the problem persists, please call for help in evaluating the cause.

### **LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE**

Properly maintained, this finish lasts indefinitely. Vacuum regularly. Remove sticky spills and clean regularly with a cloth or mop dampened with OSMO Wash & Care diluted in water. Don't slosh water onto the floor. Just as with any floor finish, high-traffic areas will show wear over time. Prompt attention restores the finish. Clean thoroughly. Dry. Then moisten fine steel wool or a white Scotchbrite pad with OSMO Liquid Wax Cleaner. Rub onto the surface. When the material dries to a haze, buff lightly with a soft cotton cloth. For severe damage contact Signature Hardwoods for repair, [www.signaturehardwoods.com](http://www.signaturehardwoods.com)

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