

**Congratulations! You have a beautiful new floor from Garden Route Flooring Solutions.
Now let us help you look after it so that it lasts for years to come...**

Procedure for the cleaning of bamboo floors

Instructions:

By far the most damage caused to Bamboo Flooring is through incorrect cleaning methods. Dirt on the floor takes away the shine. Use a fine fibre broom, a dust mop or vacuum cleaner to keep the floor clean. A vinegar and water mixture at a 1:4 ratio is a good cleaning agent for your floor. Place this liquid in a spray bottle and spray a mist onto the floor, then with a dry flat mop remove the moisture, applying appropriate pressure. If any dampness remains, dry any excess water off with a dry towel.

Tough stains:

Pour salt over the stained area. Cut a lemon and use the half part. Squeeze the lemon over both the stained area and the salt. If the stain does not come off after the scrubbing, apply another mixture of salt and lemon juice. Make sure the mixture sets for a few minutes up to an hour. Repeat scrubbing and then soak the area again until the stain is completely removed.

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Do:

Always clean up water spills immediately. The sooner you can attend to the stain, the easier it will be to remove it. Make sure you have indoor and outdoor mats positioned at the entrances of your home and high-use areas like the kitchen sink. Use protective window coverings to block fade-causing UV rays and excessive heat from direct sunlight, and rearrange rugs and furniture periodically to help your floor age evenly. Buff the wood with a buff sander if the floor becomes dull to restore its lustre, do not wax the floor or use oil cleaners.

Don't:

Steam mop or wet mop floor surface area. Avoid bringing dirt, water and sand from outside by use of a door-mat. Never use wax, oil, soap or other household cleaners on your floor. If you decide to cover the floor (to allow other construction trades to continue working) then do not use plastic films or other non-breathing type coverings as this can cause the floor to become damaged from humidity build-ups. Scrubbing or rubbing the floor aggressively will harm the finish and the wood.

Tips:

Protect your floor from scratches arising from furniture and chair feet by means of felt or plastic protector pads. Due to the unforeseen happening it is suggested that the owner keeps a spare box of flooring, sealed and dry in a storage area for possible future repairs. Lift or 'walk' your furniture and appliances when moving them, don't try to slide them over your floor. Shoe marks can leave dirt and scuffs on the wood so be cautious of heeled shoes.

