

**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 laminate floors

Step-by-step:

Remove all non-sticking dirt by sweeping, or with a vacuum (no beater bar or with the beater bar disengaged) suitable for hard floors; Create a solution of 60ml (one quarter cup) vinegar and one litre warm water and mix well; Spray the solution onto the laminate a little at a time, do not spray the entire floor with the vinegar at once; Wipe the solution up with a damp (not wet!) mop or soft microfiber cloth immediately after spraying the vinegar solution on the floor; Allow to dry quickly by leaving the doors and windows open for a few minutes.

Tough stains:

Clean all stains immediately with window cleaner by spraying a small amount on the stain and then wipe it away immediately with a warm, mildly damp non-abrasive microfiber cloth; Remove chewing gum with a plastic knife. Scrape away the gum with a plastic knife and rub off any residue with a soft cloth. Dampen the cloth with mineral spirits for best results; Get nail polish, shoe polish, or tar off with acetone nail polish remover. Add a little nail polish remover to a microfiber cloth and scrub the stain until it comes up. Wipe over the area with your cloth soaked in clean water afterward; Erase heel marks and scuffs with a pencil eraser. Simply rub the eraser over these marks until they lift off the laminate; Use ice to harden tough substances like wax or chewing gum, and then gently scrape with a plastic scraper or a credit card.

Cleaning instructions for laminate floors

Do:

Special care should be taken regarding flower pots, vases, etc. that are standing on the laminate; use a water-proof support underneath the object. Protect the flooring from scratches and indentations. Sweep in the direction that the laminate floor tiles were laid as doing so allows you to pick up any debris that falls in between the grooves of the laminate flooring pieces. Do use a soft floor brush as the bristles on a hard brush could damage the surface.

Don't:

Wax, polish, oils, soaps, detergents, shine enhancers, or varnish shouldn't be used on laminate. Do not wash or wet mop the floor with soap, oil-soap detergent or any other liquid cleaning product as this could cause swelling, warping, delamination, and joint-line separation, and void the warranty. Standing water should be avoided in all circumstances! Do not apply additional sealant onto the laminate flooring surface. Do not use any type of buffing or polishing machine on your laminate floors.

Tips:

The sooner you can attend to the stain, the easier it will be to remove it. Wipe up spills and messes right when they occur. Furniture feet made of wood, metal or plastic must be furnished with adhesive felt pads. 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.

