

**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 vinyl floors

Instructions:

Use a doormat to keep your floors clean; Sweep often; Clean up spills right away; Use a vinegar solution for everyday cleaning as the acidity in the vinegar helps remove dirt and grime without leaving a build-up of soap or wax. Mix a quarter cup of apple cider vinegar with one litre of hot water, then use a mop to clean the floor. If necessary treat further with lemon juice and then rinse afterwards; If you want your floor to look shiny then add a few drops of jojoba oil to the mix (available at Dis-Chem); Allow to dry quickly by leaving the doors and windows open for a few minutes.

Tough stains:

Dishwashing liquid: add it to your cleaning solution for tougher spots. Just add a table spoon full to your one litre vinegar and water mix; **WD-40:** to remove scuffs. Place WD-40 on a soft cloth and use it to rub the scuff marks; **Baking soda:** to remove stains from wine or berries. Mix baking soda with enough water to make a thick paste and use a soft cloth to rub it over stains; **Rubbing alcohol:** to remove stains from makeup or ink; Use **ice** to harden tough substances like wax or chewing gum, and then gently scrape it off with a credit card. Varnish, oil paint and solvents: Dab as soon as possible but do not rub as this will only spread the problem further across the surface. Try to peel off the stain then rinse afterwards.

Cleaning instructions for vinyl floors

Do:

Special care should be taken regarding flower pots, vases, etc. that are standing on the vinyl; use a water-proof support underneath the object. Protect your flooring from scratches and indentations. Use a soft floor brush as the bristles on a hard brush could damage the surface. Use adhesive felt pads for furniture feet made of wood, metal or plastic. Clean the protectors on a regular basis to remove any grit that may have become embedded. For polishing, use a rotary floor machine on slow speed fitted with an appropriate dry buff pad.

Don't:

Wire or nylon wool scouring pads, powder or liquid abrasive cleaners, bleach or strong detergents, wax, polish, oils, soaps, shine enhancers, or varnish shouldn't be used on vinyl. Do not use ammonia or ammonia-based cleaning solutions on vinyl flooring as these can break down the material and cause cracks in the flooring. Do not allow pets with unclipped nails to walk on the vinyl floor.

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. 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. Lift or 'walk' your furniture and appliances when moving them, don't try to slide them over your floor. The use of stiletto heels is not recommended as these can cause irreparable damage so please put them on at the door just before you go out and remove them as soon as you come home.

