



## Getting Ready for Your New Wood Floors

- Installation will take 1-2 days depending on square footage and difficulty. (Boarders, Inlays, Pattern Floors)
- Once the flooring is installed, it will need to acclimate for 5-7 days, or until the wood and subfloor have reached EMC, per NWFA guidelines prior to starting the site finishing. During this time the HVAC needs to be operable and running at normal living conditions.
- During the sand and finish process, you must not stay in the house to avoid debris in the finish. A lock box will be needed to allow the crews access for all stages of the site finishing process. Please do not enter the home as air movement in the house can cause debris to settle in wet or damp polyurethane.
- On the first day of the site finishing process we will put stain samples on the wood floors and will need a homeowner at the house to sign off on the color at 8:30 am.
- Smooth finished and floors scraped with the grain will have 2 coats of polyurethane and floors scraped across the grain will have 3 coats of polyurethane.
- Finish coats will be applied one per day and take 8-10 hours to dry. Many factors impact when finish coats are applied, please allow 3-5 days for the site finishing process.
- The floor will appear rough prior to the final coat of polyurethane.
- Hand scraped floors may feel rough to the touch in heavier scraped areas, within 4-6 weeks' time these areas should become smoother as they are used, this is referred to as walk off. There may also be some visible debris in the finish; this will also walk off in time. It is impossible to create a clean room environment inside a home.
- All polyurethane takes 7-10 days to cure. The floors can be walked on (sock feet recommended) and lived on like normal during this time, however; high heels, dog nails, scooting furniture, or sliding across the floor are not recommended.
- Rugs should stay off the floors for at least 7 days.
- Paint touch ups to walls, baseboards and door jambs will be required after the sand and finish, a professional painter is recommended.
- Site finished wood floors are a natural product, being finished by humans not machines; all boards will be unique and will not have a uniformed look. Each piece of stained to blend shoe mold will also be unique in color and grain.
- Some sanding imperfections are to be expected due to the fact that no foundation is perfectly flat. If you currently have a solid wood floor there are sanding marks that you might not have noticed, however without furniture in your home and a newly finished floor sanding imperfections can draw your eye.
- Use a dust mop or vacuum daily to remove household dust and dirt. Clean up daily spills quickly with a damp cloth or paper towel. For wet cleaning we recommend using ProCare Citrus Cleaner diluted in a spray bottle and a flip mop. Lightly mist the floor with the cleaner and immediately mop the floors with the pad side of the flip mop, going with the grain of the wood floors. Using products such as Mop 'N Glo, Orange Glow, or wax will cause an unhealthy build up on your floors that will need to be professionally removed.
- Properly maintained wood floors should be screened and re coated every four to seven years per NWFA (National Wood Floor Association). This is not a sand and re finish, this is a mechanical etching followed by a new coat of polyurethane. A complete sand and refinish would be up to the homeowner discretion.
- If you scratch your new wood floors, you can use a stain pen found at your local hardware store to help blend superficial scratches. If the scratch is too deep and will not blend to the floor professional repair will be needed.
- As flooring professionals, with many years of experience, the above recommendations and suggestions can greatly affect the outcome of your wood floors. Please take time to consider these suggestions.