



## *Adney custom hardwood floors*

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## Maintaining Wood Floors Finished With Wax

### Routine Cleaning: Wax finish

- Daily: Dry dust mop or vacuum as often as needed to remove grit from floor.
- Spills: Clean spills with a dry cloth, or if necessary, a cloth **very lightly** dampened with water and hand buff with a dry cloth. Don't use too much too much water or spotting will occur.
- Water spots: Remove white water spots with small amounts of odorless mineral spirits and fine steel wool (# 000), apply wax if necessary, and buff area.
- Monthly or as needed: Buff floor occasionally to redistribute wax.
- Yearly or as needed: Once or twice a year clean, strip, and re-wax. Contact ACHF.
- **DO NOT** wet mop, pour, or spray liquids on floor.
- **DO NOT** use wax or wax products on your wood stairs. Doing so can create a slip hazard. For instructions on cleaning stairs, see maintaining floors with polyurethane finish.
- **DO NOT** apply wax to a floor finished with polyurethane. These instructions apply to wood floors finished with wax only. See "Maintenance for wood floors with polyurethane finish".

### General Care: All wood floors

- Place walk off mats at all exterior doors to trap sand and grit before it can damage your floor's finish.
- Use area rugs or carpet runners in high traffic areas.
- Place felt pads or floor glides on all furniture to help prevent scratches and wear on finish. Use wide synthetic floor glides on heavy items and furniture with narrow feet to distribute weight and prevent indentation, scuffing, and scratching of wood flooring. Check felt pads and synthetic floor glides periodically to ensure that they are in good repair.
- Avoid dragging or sliding furnishings across wood floors. Instead, pick up furniture completely to move.
- Excessive amounts of water and wood do not mix. Wipe up liquid spills promptly. Do not pour liquids or cleaners directly onto wood floors.
- Keep constant climate control and maintain Relative Humidity @ 45-55%. Controlling temperature will help keep relative humidity in check. Turning AC off for a length of time (such as while on vacation) can cause humidity to rise in your home and can have adverse effects on hardwood flooring. During winter months, when relative humidity falls (cracks between boards may become obvious), your floors may benefit from the addition of a humidifier to help keep RH @ 45-55%.
- Inspect plumbing fittings and fixtures for leaks and have them repaired promptly once leak is noticed.
- In event of major water leak where wood flooring is affected contact ACHF immediately so that we can begin water extraction and drying.
- If you use a cleaning service do not assume that they know how to properly care for your wood floors. Please provide them with these instructions or have them contact ACHF for cleaning instructions specific to your floor's finish.