



The Luxury Vinyl Plank & Tile Care & Maintenance Guide

Love your floors for years to come!



We don't just deliver floors—we provide peace of mind.

Whether you've just completed a renovation or are a first-time home buyer, knowing how to care for your new floors may be unfamiliar.

Many homeowners don't realize that every flooring material has its own care requirements—and that traditional cleaning methods may not be safe or effective for today's advanced surfaces. That's why we created this guide: to offer clear, practical care instructions tailored to your specific flooring type. With the right steps, you'll not only preserve the look and feel of your new floors but also protect the investment you've made.

But this guide is more than a manual—it's part of the ongoing commitment Floor Coverings International® has made to you as your trusted, local flooring partner, offering expert-level support before, during, and long after installation.

Thank you for trusting us. We're proud to be part of your home—today and for years to come.



Care and Maintenance

Caring for Luxury Vinyl Plank & Tile

Luxury vinyl flooring is crafted from durable synthetic materials like polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and designed to replicate the look of natural wood or stone—combining beauty with resilience. Its water resistance and low-maintenance appeal make it a popular choice, but even the toughest floors need a little care to stay looking their best.

Care Checklist

Sweep or Vacuum Daily

Dust, dirt, and debris can dull your vinyl flooring and cause fine scratches over time, especially in high-traffic areas like entryways and kitchens. To prevent this, sweep, dry mop, or vacuum daily. If daily vacuuming isn't feasible, a robot vacuum can be a convenient solution for keeping your floors clear of grit.

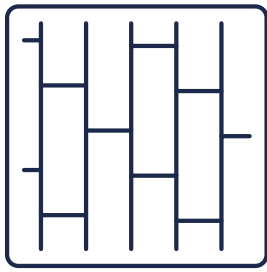


Avoid steam mops on luxury vinyl.

Excessive heat and moisture can damage the wear layer or cause edge curling. Many luxury vinyl warranties exclude coverage for steam-cleaning related damage.

Clean Spills Immediately

Although luxury vinyl floors are waterproof and offer 24 to 72 hours of moisture protection, it's important to wipe up spills as soon as they occur. Standing liquid can seep into seams, potentially causing buckling, lifting, or mold growth beneath the surface. Prompt cleanup ensures your floors stay safe, clean, and long-lasting.



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General Care Tips

Avoid Abrasive Cleaners

It may be tempting to use strong cleaners or stiff brushes for a deeper clean, but these can actually harm your LVP or LVT floors. Abrasive products can scratch and dull the surface, reducing the overall lifespan and appearance of your flooring. Instead, stick with non-abrasive, pH-neutral cleaners and use soft cleaning tools like microfiber cloths or mops to maintain the finish without causing damage.

Limit Direct Sunlight and Extreme Heat

Like many home surfaces, luxury vinyl flooring can fade or discolor when exposed to prolonged direct sunlight or high heat. To protect your floors, use curtains, blinds, or UV-filtering window films to reduce sun exposure. Also, be mindful of heat sources such as space heaters or floor vents, and avoid directing hot air directly onto vinyl surfaces for extended periods.

Use Furniture Pads

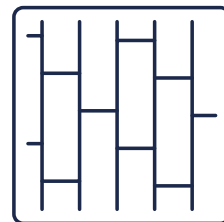
Even small movements—like sliding a dining chair—can leave lasting marks on your LVP or LVT without proper padding. To protect your LVP or LVT, place felt furniture pads or soft protectors under the legs of chairs, tables, and heavy furniture.

- Always lift furniture instead of dragging it across the floor.





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Luxury vinyl flooring is one the most popular pet-friendly choices, offering excellent traction, easy cleanup, and durability.

Care Tips for Life with Pets

Clean Accidents Promptly

Pet accidents are a reality in most homes, and quick cleanup is key. Wipe up messes right away to prevent staining, odors, or moisture from seeping into seams.

Keep Nails Trimmed

Long nails can leave scratches, especially over time. Regularly trim your pet's nails, and consider walks on pavement to naturally file them down and reduce the risk of surface damage.

Contain Food and Water

Place food and water bowls on waterproof mats to catch spills before they reach the floor. This not only protects your vinyl but also makes daily cleanup easier.

Use Mats and Rugs in High-Traffic Areas

Place rugs or mats at entryways and in busy zones where pets frequently play. These help catch dirt, debris, and moisture that might otherwise get tracked onto your floors.



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Warranties

Partnering with Leading Flooring Manufacturers

Floor Coverings International® partners with leading manufacturers like **Shaw Floors** and **Mohawk** to bring you the highest quality flooring options on the market. These trusted brands are known for their innovation, durability, and design excellence, ensuring that every project meets the highest standards. Our manufacturers also offer warranty coverage for product defects, ensuring that issues like stains on a stain-resistant carpet are addressed. It's important to note that these warranties generally do not cover regular wear and tear.

By working directly with these industry leaders, Floor Coverings International® provides exclusive selections, cutting-edge materials, and expert guidance to help customers find the perfect flooring for their homes.

Full Coverage, Full Confidence

Since you purchase your flooring and installation together from us, you're fully protected! And if any issues arise, we handle it and represent you directly with the manufacturer.



Floor Coverings International® offers a warranty of at least one (1) year on installation and workmanship with extended warranties available at select locations.* Most competitors only cover one year or less.* Also, products showcased in the Mobile Flooring Showroom® come with a factory-direct limited warranty provided by the manufacturer. These guarantees will cover manufacturer defects and typically last for up to 10 years.

**This guarantee may vary based on project location or for commercial-grade installations.*