

Caring for Beaulieu's Luxury Vinyl Flooring

Proper care and maintenance is necessary to keep your new Beaulieu Luxury Vinyl Flooring (LVF) in good condition, maintain the appearance and extend the life of your flooring.

Once the installation of your LVF is completed precautions should be taken to make sure the adhesive is given ample time to cure and create a bond between the substrate and the vinyl flooring. For this reason movement of heavy objects should be avoided for a minimum of 24 hours. Light foot traffic is acceptable. Moisture should also be limited on the new flooring for (5) days after installation. The vinyl flooring can be swept and mopped using a damp mop during this time.

When moving furniture or heavy objects on your LVF, care should be taken to prevent scuffs, scratches and tears. This can be done by placing smooth, non-staining protectors such as, strips of wood, hardboard or cardboard underneath the furniture.

Once furniture is in place make sure the legs are supported by wide flat non-staining floor protectors. These protectors should lay flat on the floor and can be made of plastic or felt. Lack of, or use of any other type protector may damage your LVF. Furniture with casters must have three (3) to five (5) wheels and be a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide.

Walk off mats are recommended inside and outside entrances to protect your LVF from tracked-on soils. Avoid placing walk-off mats made with latex or rubber backings directly onto the LVF as these types of mats can cause color changes on LVF. Mats should be cleaned and replaced regularly.

Soiling, which consists of abrasive matter such as dirt and dust can abrade the surface of LVF. Regular daily removal of soil with the use of a broom, microfiber dust mop or vacuum with air suction only is recommended.

Immediate removal of spots and spills is recommended. Some stains may become permanent if not promptly and properly treated. Wet spills should be blotted using a white terry cloth towel and should be rinsed using clear water followed by dry blotting. Dried on spots may require more effort to remove. Light agitation with a neutral spot detergent or ammonia and water (one part ammonia to four parts water) can be used for more stubborn spots. Do not use any abrasive materials to agitate. Rinse with clear water followed by blotting with white terry cloth towel.

Spots that are greasy and oily in nature may require additional spot cleaning if the neutral detergent is not successful. Isopropyl alcohol can be used by applying to a white terry cloth towel and blotting the affected area.

Your LVF will require regular mopping to prevent build up of soils. Always sweep before mopping to remove any loose soil and debris. Your LVF should be cleaned using only neutral pH cleaners. The use of a mild neutral detergent or ammonia and water (one part ammonia to four parts water) is recommended. The use of strong acid or alkaline cleaners, or abrasive cleaners **must be avoided**, these can dull or damage your LVF. Once the detergent has been applied it should be followed with a clear water rinse to remove all detergent residues.

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