

Hardwood Flooring - The Do's and Don'ts

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A popular choice of flooring for consumers all over the world is hardwood floors. With its ability to add elegance to any room in the home, many people are opting for it, instead of carpeting or tile. Along with the benefits of its appearance, homeowners will also find it to be very resilient. However, the decisions you make on the type of wood and the installation process can have an effect on its look and durability.

Do make certain you choose a brand and type of hardwood that will hold up to the type of foot traffic the room normally gets. Softer woods will often show wear and tear much quicker. Always check the warranty of the hardwood flooring before you purchase.

Do not install hardwood floors in an area of your home that will subject it to extreme moisture. While moisture barriers will be placed underneath, excessive moisture in the basement or bathroom areas can cause damage. For this reason, you will not want to install it in these particular areas of your home.

Do consider hiring a professional for the installation of your floors, especially if you do not have an experience. A professional will be able to install the flooring correctly and should guarantee their work. They may also be able to provide you with expert advice on which product may be the best choice for your home.

Do not use harsh cleaning detergents on your floors after they have been installed. Each type of hardwood will come with special instructions on the proper cleaning methods. Also be careful not to use an excessive amount of liquids when cleaning, as it can cause more harm than good.

Do invest in a good dry mop or vacuum for your floors. Using a dry mop or vacuum daily will help you to keep them free from dust and will keep them properly maintained.

These are just a few of the do's and don'ts of hardwood floors. Always read the manufacturers instructions when it comes to the installation and maintenance of your flooring to ensure that the floor will keep the appearance you are expecting.

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