

Cork Flooring FAQs

Cork has become a popular choice for both homes and commercial spaces in recent years. While many people associate the material with bottle stoppers and bulletin boards, it's a highly versatile flooring option. Cork has a wide range of benefits, many of which might surprise you.

Find answers to the most frequently asked questions and everything else you need to know about cork flooring here.

What is cork?

- Cork is a natural and renewable flooring product known for its unmatched sustainability.
- It's a versatile floor covering choice.

- ✓ Cork is available in virtually any color, pattern, or design.
- ✓ It is manufactured in direct-glue tiles or floating planks.



- How long does cork flooring last?
 - ✓ With proper maintenance, cork floors can last for up to 30 years.
- How does cork differ from other flooring materials?
 - ✓ The material is made up of mostly air, which makes it highly elastic compared to other flooring materials.
 - ✓ Cork is much softer and warmer than hardwood, natural stone, ceramic and porcelain tile floors.
 - ✓ Its warmth and comfort make it an excellent alternative to carpet.
 - ✓ Cork is more affordable than other natural flooring products.

Features & Use

What are the benefits of cork?

- Cork is a natural, eco-friendly floor covering material.
- Finished cork can mimic the look of wood while providing the comfort of carpet.
- The material provides exceptional sound absorption and insulation.
- The material is naturally flame-resistant.
 - ✓ Cork won't release any harmful toxins if it comes into contact with fire.
- Cork is antimicrobial and easy to maintain.
 - ✓ The antimicrobial properties make it naturally repellent to insects, bacteria, mildew, and mold.



Where can cork be installed?

- Cork floor coverings can be installed in a wide range of residential and commercial spaces.
- It's an ideal choice for:
 - ✓ Kitchens
 - ✓ Garages
 - ✓ Dorm rooms
 - ✓ Utility rooms
 - ✓ Fitness studios
 - ✓ Home theaters
 - ✓ Game rooms
 - ✓ And more!



Care & Maintenance

What's the best way to clean and maintain cork flooring?

- Spills should be cleaned up immediately with a dry cloth.
- Frequent sweeping or vacuuming will remove dirt, dust, and other particles.
 - ✓ This is recommended once a week.



How can I improve the lifespan of cork?



- Cork will last longer if it doesn't get wet.
 - ✓ It's important to prevent moisture from coming into contact with the material.
- Area rugs will help to increase the lifespan of cork floors.
- Floor mats should be placed inside and outside entrances.
 - ✓ This will reduce the amount of dirt, and other abrasive particles tracked onto the material.
- Felt pads can also be applied to furniture legs to prevent denting.
- Proper window treatments will prevent fading.

What Products & Services Does Floor Factors Offer?

Floor Factors offers a wide range of products and services for all types of remodels and renovations. In addition to cork, we carry flooring materials from area rugs and carpeting, to stone and tile. We also have cabinets, countertops, and window coverings.

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- ✓ Free estimates
- ✓ Demolition
- ✓ In-house design consulting
- ✓ Installation

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