

Hardwood Flooring FAQs

When it comes to floors, hardwood is a classic choice. It's beautiful, versatile, and complements any decor scheme. Do you have questions about hardwood flooring? We've got answers. Here's everything you need to know about hardwoods.

What is hardwood flooring?

- Hardwoods are a natural floor covering choice.
- You can get hardwoods in:
 - ✓ Popular woods such as oak, maple, hickory, fir, and birch
 - ✓ More exotic species such as mahogany and Brazilian cherry
- Wood flooring is available in both unfinished and prefinished planks.



What's the difference between prefinished and unfinished hardwood?

- Unfinished hardwood floors are milled from a single piece of wood.
 - ✓ Slight height differences or unevenness is sanded on-site.
 - ✓ The finishing process provides a flat, smooth floor.
- Prefinished hardwood floors are a modern floor covering option that's sanded, finished, and sealed in the factory.
 - ✓ They are available in solid or engineered planks.
 - ✓ Prefinished hardwoods are installed using a traditional nail/glue method.

Features & Use

How long do hardwood floors last?

- Properly maintained hardwood floors can last for up to 75 years (and sometimes longer).
- Unfinished hardwoods usually last longer than their prefinished counterparts.

What are the benefits of hardwood flooring?

- Hardwood floors come with a long list of benefits.
- Hardwoods are:
 - ✓ Timeless and versatile
 - ✓ Durable
 - ✓ Low-maintenance

Where can hardwoods be installed?

- Hardwood floors can be installed in a wide variety of spaces.
 - ✓ Living rooms
 - ✓ Family rooms
 - ✓ Bedrooms
 - ✓ Dining rooms
 - ✓ Entryways
 - ✓ Stairs
 - ✓ and hallways are some of the best places for hardwood floors.
- The material is also excellent for wall-to-wall flooring in houses.



Care & Maintenance

How do you clean hardwood floors?

- Regular sweeping, vacuuming, or dust-mopping will keep hardwood floors clean and free of debris.
- Polishing can be achieved with periodic mopping using a slightly damp mop.
 - ✓ Water should not be used on hardwood floors.
 - ✓ Hardwood-specific non-wax floor cleaners are recommended.
 - ✓ Avoid spraying directly onto the floor and apply the cleaner to a mop head instead.
 - ✓ Manufacturer-recommended cleaning products are available in the Floor Factors' [showroom](#).
- Spills should be blotted up immediately with a clean, damp cloth.



What's the best way to increase the lifespan of hardwoods?

- Most floors will need to be refinished every 5 to 15 years.
 - ✓ Refinishing requirements will depend on the amount of foot traffic.
- Hardwoods are resistant to scratching but not completely scratch-proof.
 - ✓ Area rugs and floor mats will prevent scratches.

What Types of Hardwood Flooring Does Floor Factors Offer?

Floor Factors carries both unfinished and prefinished hardwood flooring from dozens of premium manufacturers.

The flooring materials we offer, include:

- ✓ Area rugs
- ✓ Bamboo
- ✓ Carpets
- ✓ Ceramic & porcelain tile
- ✓ Cork
- ✓ Laminate
- ✓ Linoleum
- ✓ Luxury vinyl tile (LVT)
- ✓ And more!



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