

**Temperature and Humidity:**

Vinyl Flooring is sensitive to temperature not moisture. However, depending on what season it is and the environment outside, an elevated level of humidity might lead to the temperature rising to levels that could cause expansion or dropping to levels that could cause contraction. Here are some tips to keep the levels balanced.

- During different seasons, the humidity and temperature naturally changes, you can buy a humidifier or a dehumidifier to help level out humidity in the rooms. The ideal humidity range to target is 45 - 60 percent. Within that humidity range there should not be much influence on temperature.
- Using your AC and Heating units accordingly can also help keep the temperature balanced. In rooms that typically get hotter be aware of the temperature in the room. To avoid excessive heat; keep the heater on a timer, shut off your oven immediately after it has been used, and open windows to help circulate air.
- In rooms with numerous computers have fans running to aid in cooling temperatures to levels in the range.

**Routine Cleaning Practices:**

Just like any other aspect of a room, the floors must be cleaned in a routine way with special products that are safe for vinyl floors. The wear level of the floor will depend on the foot traffic in the room, as well as how well and how often it is cleaned and maintained. Here are some tips for routine cleaning:

Vinyl Floors should be swept or vacuumed often to ensure that dust and large particles are picked up. For especially large particles, sweep before vacuuming. This helps to avoid scratching the surface of your floors when large debris is stepped on, kicked around or simply allowed to wear out the top layer of vinyl by sitting there. Do not use a wet spray microfiber mop, abrasive scrubbing brushes, rough side sponges or steel wool to clean the floors. Use a

well-rung out damp cloth to clean up any heavy dirt and footprints, but avoid using excessive moisture. Never let any amount of moisture remain on the floor for extended period of time. Avoid wet mopping the floor with any soapy, sudsy detergents or high content chemical cleaning products.

**Protecting from Spills, Stains and Scratches:**

Everyday life tends to leave some wear and tear on your floors, spills occur, scratches matriculate and if the floors are not properly cared for, stains will remain. There are a few preventative ways to avoid permanent damage.

Any spill should be cleaned up immediately using the method listed above. A well rung out damp cloth can be used to absorb the mess. If the liquid is spilled in excess (more than a glass full) be sure to dry the area with a dry cloth or towel to ensure moisture does not remain. Never use wax, polish, or scouring agents as they may dull or distort the finish. When you have tough stains to deal with you can use acetone, urethane cleaning solution or a cleaner specifically formulated for urethane flooring to remove those stubborn marks. To avoid scratches apply felt pads to your furniture legs and use only soft rubber casters. Do not drag furniture across the floors.

*\*In case of permanent accidental damage, It's a good idea to save a few boards that can be used to be replaced or repaired by a flooring professional.*