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Keeping your floors clean

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Contrary to popular belief, keeping your wood floors clean is not a task for a Greek hero, it is actually quite simple. Maintaining a wooden floor's vivacious new sheen is a matter of minimal upkeep. Built with hardened protective layers and finished with durable surface treatments, engineered wooden floors require very little effort to maintain.

What damp does?

Wood and water do not mix. Water is like a bad habit for wood. Wood is a hygroscopic material, to be put in simpler terms it tends to either pick up moisture from the air or dry up until its own moisture content is equal to that in the air around it. This may cause to expand or contract depending on the humidity which, if you're talking about the monsoon, are something quite easily found.

How do you deal with it?

Wood treated with a proper floor lacquer ensures that the planks remain both clean and undamaged in regular use. Lacquered floors can be given supplementary surface treatment with additional lacquering. This prevents water from penetrating the joints between the boards through a capillary action. Avoid unwanted moisture from entering the room by placing doormats all around your home.

Cleaning

A regular vacuum work is usually more than enough to clean up the grime off your floors. Under no circumstances should you wet-vacuum wood floors. Under regular circumstance a damp cloth or a dry mop usually does the trick, however, when the monsoons are here, the circumstances are far from normal. The moisture content in the air is already too high. A mild damp cloth is all you need to keep them going well for years to come. Avoid introducing any kind of moisture to the wood during the monsoon season.

Before you Renovate...

Before you start the major undertaking that is renovating your house and getting those gorgeous wood floors; you need to make sure there is a moisture barrier like a 0.2mm PET film and an underlay between the floor and the substrate. The substrate could be anything from concrete, sand or cement screed. This further helps protect your floors from any damage that leftover moisture may cause.

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