

VERMONT NATURAL COATINGS®

PolyWhey®

Floor Finish Maintenance + Care Recommendations

After last coat dries

- Floors can be walked on with socks or indoor soft-sole shoes two hours after final coat under normal conditions.
- If necessary, use an untreated dust mop or clean cloth to remove any dirt or debris on the surface.
- Do not use harsh cleaners or wet mop until fully cured.
- Avoid placing area rugs down until fully cured.

After full cure (5 to 7 days)

- Furniture may be set down in place, but should have floor glides at all contact points.
- Remove spills promptly. Clean daily spills with a damp sponge and a dry towel.
- Sweep, dust mop or vacuum regularly - daily for commercial or high-traffic residential floors.
- Clean with Vermont Natural Coatings Wood Cleaner using a damp cloth or towel (DO NOT use wax-based or mineral oil-based products). Do not use excessive amounts of water. Surface can also be maintained with a damp sponge and then toweled dry to keep excessive moisture off the surface. For stubborn areas or stains, allow Wood Cleaner to stand for up to five minutes.
- Avoid over-washing floors.
- Avoid leaving any object with a wet bottom layer (shoes, plants) on the wood surface.
- Do not drag furniture across the floor.

Great conditions for maintaining wood floors after using PolyWhey®

- Relative humidity of 40%- 60%
- Use of floor mats at exterior doors to collect dirt and grit
- Area rugs in high traffic sections
- Protective pads on all furniture contact points

Conditions to avoid for all wood floors after using PolyWhey®

- Stiletto heels, golf spikes or other cleated shoes.
- Wax-based cleaners
- Dragging heavy furniture or appliances across the floor
- Letting water pool on the floor
- Heavy dogs with long nails

Details to be aware of for your wood floors

- Hardwood and softwood floors may expand and contract with temperature and humidity changes. Over time the wood may show gaps, cracking or shrinkage.
- Softwoods, such as pine, often have higher moisture content, will likely show cracks sooner, and will indent or gouge easily. For advocates, this is part of the appeal of softwood.
- Hardwoods will indent and groove if exposed to heavy or sharply pointed objects.

Upkeep of floors

Wood floors coated with PolyWhey should be recoated in accordance with use. Heavy or rough usage of the floors may require more frequent buff and recoating.

Spot repairs

Slight marring or shallow scratches can be repaired. The damaged location and close surrounding area should be abraded with very fine grit abrasives (220 or finer). Area should then be vacuumed and cleaned before coating. Product should be feathered out to blend in with the surrounding floor. Deep gouges will require a full surface sand. This work may require a flooring professional.

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