



CLEANING & MAINTENANCE OF OILED FLOORS

Oiled floors offer a more natural appearance. This is produced as oil penetrates the wood and gradually cures. Instead of a surface coating, as with a lacquered floor, the wooden surface is still exposed producing a natural and warm appearance. However, the wooden surface can be affected by high levels of trafficking and frequent damp cleaning. Oil can be leached from the wood producing a 'dry' appearance. When this has occurred, the surface can then be more sensitive to spills of liquids. Fortunately, oiled floors are simple to maintain and repair which can be very useful in situations where time is limited for refurbishment and where it is not possible to remove floors from use for extended periods. By Choosing the correct cleaning methods, cleaning regularly and floor care is the best way to keep your oiled wood floors looking fresh and beautiful. Follow the recommendations to get a wood floor you can enjoy for a long time to come.

Cleaning

Protecting your oiled floors is simple. By routinely cleaning, you remove any abrasive particles of grit, dust and dirt before they scratch and dull the surface, or wear away the floor. Always keep water to a minimum when cleaning your oiled wood floors. If you spill (food or drinks), wipe up immediately to prevent any permanent damage or staining. Sweep or vacuum your oiled floors as often as needed. Use Bona's mild, specially formulated Cleaner for Oiled Floors. Just spray and wipe! (Spray System-Floor Care Kit) This will clean, refresh, protect and preserve the surface.

Do not use "all-purpose" cleaners on your oiled floors as they tend to leave a dull residue and you end up using too much water, which is damaging to your oiled floors

Maintenance

When an oiled floor begins to look, dull and worn, it would indicate that the initial oil treatment has become leached from the wood by foot trafficking and wet methods of cleaning/maintenance. This would be the time to carry out periodical maintenance of the floor. The frequency of this process will be determined by the level of trafficking and type of use of the floor. Use a special oil product for maintaining and protecting your oiled floors such as Bona's specially formulated Refresher for Oiled floors to be sure you keep your floors looking great. If you have laid an oiled floor in an area where there is a high risk of spilling water, like in a kitchen, apply Bona Oil Refresher to add a layer of protection and increase the life of your new floors. The oil refresher can be applied as needed but usually a few times a year. Always make sure the wood floor is cleaned before re-applying.