

# Floor Care and Maintenance Guide for Oil Finished Floors

The following recommendations are for oil finished floors. Oiled floors are meant to be periodically re-coated, and if properly maintained will last forever. Oiled floors never have to be sanded, and are very resistant to liquid spills.

## Preventative Maintenance

Sand and dirt can be abrasive to wood floors; one should place protective mats by doorways to keep dirt and moisture from being tracked across your floor. Area rugs are recommended in front of sinks in kitchens. The rugs should be slip-resistant with a non-abrasive and non-discoloring backer. Install floor protectors (felt pads) under all furniture and chair legs in order to ease their movements and to prevent scratches. Clean up spills as soon as possible, before they get sticky or dry.

Maintain proper humidity conditions (35 – 70%) in your home throughout the year. This may require the use of a humidifier or dehumidifier; depending on conditions. Avoid extreme changes in humidity from season to season. Hardwood is a living material that reacts to changes of relative humidity. In summer, when humidity is at its highest, it is absorbed by the wood, which then expands. In winter, on the other hand, when relative humidity level in the house is much lower, the wood releases its humidity and contracts or shrinks.

Protect the floor against direct sunlight or any intense source of artificial lightings. Over time, intense light will discolor exposed surfaces. This phenomenon with wood surfaces is normal and natural. The lighter the color of the natural wood, the more apparent this phenomenon will be.

Never use wax, oil-based detergent or any other household cleaners. Only use the specified BONA maintenance products to maintain your floor. Visit [https://www.bona.com/Consumer2/I-want-to/Clean-- Maintain/Oiled-Wood-Floors/](https://www.bona.com/Consumer2/I-want-to/Clean--Maintain/Oiled-Wood-Floors/) to learn additional information about maintaining your oiled wood floors.