



WIZARD OF WOOD FLOORING & SURFACES, LTD.

OVER 35 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

## FLOOR CARE INSTRUCTIONS For Water-based Urethanes

### ***Periodic Recoating***

Following a regular maintenance program will preserve the life of your hardwood floor for years. However, despite all of their advantages, hardwood floor finishes will not last forever. Eventually, your floor may need to be recoated. A hardwood floor should be recoated when the original finish is showing signs of wear, but before it has worn down to the bare wood. Bare wood will easily become stained by dirt/grime and will need to be resanded. A wood floor professional should be consulted when recoat questions arise.

### ***Protect Your Floor***

Place throw rugs in front of sinks in the kitchen and at any door leading to the outside where heavy traffic and tracking occurs. However, when the floor has just been coated, you must wait at least **two to three weeks** after the finish has been applied. Chairs and any other furniture that is frequently moved should have floor guides attached to the bottom of each leg to prevent scratching and wear. Do not wax the bottom of chair legs.

### ***Routine Maintenance***

**FLOORS SHOULD NEVER BE WAXED!** Regular dust mopping or vacuuming is an essential part of hardwood floor care. A good quality dust mop or vacuum with firm bristle is the most effective tool for cleaning dirt and dust off the floor. To keep your floor looking its best, dust mop or vacuum at least twice a week. For floors with heavy traffic, dusting or vacuuming may need to be done more frequently.

**DO NOT WAX OR SPRAY BUFF!** Water-based urethane finishes require little maintenance, so it is not necessary to wax or polish the floor. Using these products will actually make the floor more difficult to clean and cause problems with future recoats.

### ***Occasional Cleaning***

Spills and tracked dirt can build up and require more than just dust mopping to remove. When this occurs, lightly sponge mop with a mild cleaner diluted with lukewarm water. After sponge mopping, run a dry towel wrapped around a broom over the floor. The cleaner solution will loosen the dirt and the towel will remove it.

The following cleaner solutions are the **only** recommended products:

Bona Floor Cleaner OR Wizard of Wood Floor Cleaner

### **Do not use the following products on your floor:**

- Murphy's Oil Soap or any other oil soap
- Paste wax, Pledge or silicone-based polishes
- Fantastik, Formula 409 or any other solvent cleaner
- Pine-based cleaners like Pine-Sol
- Vinegar or Ammonia

### ***Questions***

**WIZARD OF WOOD FLOORING & SURFACES, LTD.** appreciates your business and wants to make sure that you are satisfied! For any questions regarding your wood floor, please contact us at 847-540-9500.