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Laminate Flooring Care and Maintenance Guide

Routine Maintenance

- **Frequent Dust Removal:** Sweep or vacuum frequently, ideally daily in high-traffic areas, using a soft-bristled broom or a vacuum with the beater bar off. Use a soft parquet floor brush for canister vacuums. Clean under furniture and along baseboards.
- **Dry Mopping:** Use a dry microfiber mop for daily cleaning to pick up dust, hair, and allergens without scratching. Slightly damp mopping is acceptable if the mop is well-wrung.
- **No Need for Polish or Wax:** Laminate floors have a permanent factory finish that does not require waxing or polishing, which can leave a dull film or make the floor slippery.

Spill & Stain Handling

- **Immediate Wipe-Up:** Wipe up any liquid spill promptly with an absorbent cloth or paper towel to prevent water seeping into seams, which can cause swelling or delamination with some products. For sticky substances like candle wax or gum, let them harden (use a ziplock bag of ice if needed), then gently scrape with a plastic scraper. Remove residue with mineral spirits on a soft cloth, followed by a damp soapy cloth and a water wipe.
- **Routine Spot Cleaning:** For small, dry messes, sweep promptly. For light smudges or dried spots, use a slightly damp cloth followed by a dry cloth.

Deep Cleaning

- **Occasional Damp Mopping:** Use a damp (not wet) microfiber flat mop with water or a laminate floor cleaner, mopping in the direction of the planks. Follow with a dry mop or towel if excess moisture is visible. Damp mop monthly or every few months.
- **Avoid Steam Cleaners:** Steam mops can penetrate seams and cause warping or swelling. Stick to manual or spray mop methods.
- **Polishing or Renewing:** Laminate cannot be refinished or recoated. Use repair kits (wax pencils or putty fillers) for minor scratches or chips.

Climate & Environmental Considerations

- **Humidity and Temperature:** Keep indoor relative humidity between 35-65% and temperatures between 60-80°F to prevent expansion or contraction. Use curtains, blinds, or UV window films to mitigate sun exposure.
- **Acclimation:** Let new laminate planks acclimate in the room for a couple of days before installation to ensure moisture content equilibrium.
- **Underlayment and Subfloor:** Ensure underlayments have a moisture barrier. Address any subfloor moisture issues with ventilation or sealants.

Preventive Care Strategies

- **Furniture Protection:** Use felt pads under furniture legs and replace them regularly. Use wide pads for heavy items to distribute weight.
- **Pet Care:** Keep pet nails trimmed to minimize scratches. Use waterproof mats under pet bowls and area rugs in pet play areas.
- **Use of Area Rugs:** Place rugs in high-traffic spots and in front of sinks or dishwashers. Use non-slip pads labeled safe for laminate.

Common Mistakes to Avoid

- **Using Wrong Cleaners:** Avoid abrasive, acidic, alkaline, or waxy cleaners. Use neutral pH cleaners labeled for laminate.
- **Vacuumping with Beater Bar Engaged:** Turn off or raise the beater bar to avoid micro-scratches.
- **Ignoring Felt Pads:** Regularly check and clean felt pads to prevent trapped grit from scratching.
- **Using Steam Cleaners or Wet Jets:** These can damage laminate through heat and moisture.
- **Not Accounting for Chair Wheels:** Use soft polyurethane casters or chair mats to prevent wear.