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Supplier	Flooring2
Product Type	Sheet Vinyl
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# Sheet Vinyl Flooring Care and Maintenance Guide

## Routine Maintenance

- **Weekly Cleaning:** Sweep or vacuum daily in high-traffic areas to remove loose dirt and debris. Use a soft-bristled broom or vacuum cleaner without a beater bar to avoid scratching the surface.
- **Regular Damp Mopping:** Damp mop weekly using warm water and a pH-neutral vinyl floor cleaner or mild dish soap. Ensure the mop is well-wrung and rinse it frequently during cleaning.
- **No-Rinse Cleaners:** Use convenient no-rinse vinyl floor cleaners designed for sheet vinyl, as these products dry clear without residue.

## Spill & Stain Handling

- **Immediate Action:** Quickly clean spills to prevent staining or damage to the flooring.
- **Oil-Based Stains:** Remove oil-based stains using isopropyl alcohol or mineral spirits applied sparingly on a soft cloth. Avoid bleach always follow cleaning with thorough rinsing.
- **Adhesive Residues:** Address sticky substances using mineral spirits applied cautiously with a cloth. Avoid acetone.

## Deep Cleaning

- **Periodic Deep Cleaning:** Deep clean at least twice a year using vinyl floor cleaner or a solution of vinegar and water. Mop in manageable sections, rinse thoroughly, and dry completely.
- **Machine Cleaning:** For large or heavily soiled areas, use home-grade floor cleaning machines approved for use on vinyl flooring.

## Climate & Environmental Considerations

- **Temperature:** Maintain room temperatures between 50-95°F to prevent brittleness, shrinkage, or discoloration of the flooring.
- **Humidity:** Sheet vinyl is highly moisture-resistant, but maintain around 50% relative humidity to prevent subfloor complications.
- **Installation Method:** Loose-lay vinyl may shift slightly with extreme conditions; glue-down vinyl is more stable but may be affected by excess moisture or heat.
- **Radiant Heat:** Keep floor surface temperatures under 85°F and increase settings gradually to avoid thermal stress.

## Preventive Care Strategies

- **Furniture Protection:** Place felt pads or wide coasters beneath heavy furniture and appliances. Use soft, vinyl-compatible casters for rolling furniture.
- **Avoid Sharp Impacts:** Utilize protective mats and cutting boards in high-risk areas like kitchens to avoid cuts, gouges, and abrasions.
- **Sunlight Mitigation:** Implement window treatments to reduce direct sunlight and heat exposure, protecting the flooring from fading.

## Common Mistakes to Avoid

- **Using Wrong Cleaning Products:** Avoid abrasive, solvent-based, acidic, or waxy cleaners. Use only neutral pH cleaners made for vinyl.
- **Overusing Water:** Do not soak the floor. Standing water can seep into edges and affect adhesive or subfloor materials.
- **Neglecting Small Issues:** Fix small tears or lifting edges promptly to prevent worsening damage.