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LUXURY VINYL MAINTENANCE GUIDE

POST-INSTALLATION CARE

a. Allow Floor to Settle Before Wet Cleaning

While our vinyl flooring uses the Unilin click system with minimal adhesive, we recommend waiting at least 24 hours before any wet cleaning. During this time, limit cleaning to dry sweeping or vacuuming.

b. Avoid Placing Heavy Loads Directly on the Floor

To prevent shifting or pressure marks during the settling period, avoid placing heavy furniture or appliances immediately after installation. Once in place, we recommend using felt pads or non-staining casters under furniture pieces to protect the surface and maintain long-term performance.

c. Use Mats at Entryways

Placing mats at entrances helps trap dirt, sand, and grit before it can reach your vinyl flooring. This reduces wear on the finish and protects against scratches, helping your vinyl floor look newer for longer.

DAILY/WEEKLY CLEANING

a. Sweep/Vacuum Daily

Regular sweeping or vacuuming is essential to prevent dirt and grit from scratching the surface of your vinyl flooring. Use a soft-bristle broom or a vacuum cleaner. This simple daily routine helps preserve the appearance and longevity of your floor, especially in high-traffic areas.

b. Wet Cleaning with Mop & pH-Neutral Cleaner

For wet cleaning, use a damp microfibre mop paired with a pH-neutral floor cleaner that's specifically designed for vinyl. This ensures effective removal of stains, smudges, and sticky residues without degrading the wear layer. Always wring out the mop well to avoid over-wetting the vinyl floor surface.

c. Avoid Using Excessive Water

Vinyl flooring offers excellent water resistance for everyday use. However, it is recommended to avoid using excessive water during cleaning. Prolonged exposure to standing water can affect the seams and underlayers. For best results, use a well-wrung damp mop and wipe up spills promptly to preserve the floor's structure and finish.

d. Avoid Using Harsh/Abrasive Cleaning Products

Aggressive cleaning agents such as bleach, ammonia, or solvent-based products can dull or damage the protective coating of vinyl. Similarly, steel wool, scouring pads, and abrasive brushes can leave permanent scratches. Vinyl flooring is designed to be low-maintenance, so gentle cleaning is more than sufficient for daily upkeep.

e. Avoid Using Steam Mops

While steam mops may seem convenient, the high heat and moisture they release can break down the floor's top layer and weaken adhesives underneath. Over time, this can lead to curling, bubbling, or warping. Stick to low-moisture cleaning methods to maintain both the look and structural integrity of your vinyl flooring.

GENERAL CARE TIPS

- a. Wipe spills as soon as possible to prevent stains and maintain the vinyl surface's integrity.
- b. Trim pets' nails to minimise scratches.
- c. Rotate rugs periodically to avoid uneven fading.