

Important Facts on Hardwood Floors

1. If you are having your floors refinished, the baseboards will need to be removed. If you do not want them removed, a quarter-round should be installed afterwards (or some other type of moulding).
2. Be ready for dust by taking down pictures, knick-knacks, etc. from all the rooms where work is being done. RaeCor uses a vacuum system on all their equipment and the majority of the dust is pulled outside to their trailer, in addition, they use poly to help further dust mitigation, however, there may still be a fine layer of dust left in your home.
3. Felt should be placed at the bottom of all pieces of furniture and if there is metal on the bottom, it is a good idea to remove it so the felt sticks better.
4. Be prepared for minor separation between boards during the winter. This is normal because of the lack of humidity. Adjusting the humidity in your home to around 30-35% will help.
5. Hardwood floors are not as cold as some think, wood is an insulator.
6. Dirt and grit should be kept off your hardwood floors as much as possible. Placing doormats inside and outside of your entrances is a good idea.
7. Hardwood floors are easy to maintain and keep clean. You simply use a schmop or well-rung mop with a PH-neutral hardwood floor cleaner. DO NOT WAX a RaeCor floor, it will ruin it.
8. A pencil mark will be drawn on your floor upon completion (in between 2nd and 3rd coats in high-traffic areas) once the mark is gone, it is time to have the floor recoated.
9. A new $\frac{3}{4}$ " hardwood floor is considered a lifetime floor. This is because it will normally last over 100 years. It will need to be recoated every 3-5 years (depending on the amount of traffic), and resanded somewhere between 15-20 years (again depending on traffic).

10. Ultraviolet rays, which are a part of normal sunlight, will affect the colour properties of your wood floor (also your lino, vinyl or carpet floor). Move your furniture and area rugs regularly to keep your floor from getting lines, even if the move is only a few inches.
11. Damaged hardwood floors can many times be repaired without replacing the whole floor. If you have concerns about problem areas on your existing floor, please ask what can be done.
12. Old floors that have had oil and wax applied to them have remote possibilities of not accepting new finish in places. This is not cause for alarm. We use a water-based finish, and we have never had this problem on any floors that we have done.
13. Our water-based finish is harder and more durable than oil-based finish. It also produces fewer fumes in your home, and it does not yellow as it ages.
14. Hardwood floors are to be inspected from a standing position. RaeCor follows the National Wood Flooring Association (NWFA) standards for all hardwood floors.

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