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The most important aspect of care for LVT/LVP is making sure that all chair and table legs have the proper feet and are clear and free of soil. The second most important item is preventing outside soil from coming in and causing damage. Soil is 30-40% sand and silicates, which are harder than the urethane applied coating and may permanently scratch the surface. Using walk-off mats/rugs or leaving the shoes at the door will drastically reduce long term surface wear.

Daily Maintenance

1. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the floor daily to remove damaging soil and debris.
2. Spot mop as needed. Any spills should get cleaned up immediately.
3. Damp mopping of the floor with a pre moistened microfiber flat mop should be performed on a regular or daily basis, depending upon traffic and soil levels in your area (if you live in sandy soil conditions or at the beach)
4. Mixture of liquid dishwashing soap (a few drops) per cup in a clean spray bottle lightly misted on the floor, clean and then with a fresh spray bottle of just plain water, mist and rinse
5. Using **XL LVT/Wood Floor Cleaner**, lightly mist on the floor (no rinse required)
6. To sanitize, use **Vital Oxide** at a 1:5 dilution ration, apply to the floor and using a clean microfiber flat mop, evenly distribute the chemistry,
7. Allow the surface to dry completely before walking on it.



Deep Cleaning

There are times when the soil cannot get removed with just mopping, and agitation is needed.

1. Sweep, dust, mop or vacuum the floor daily to remove damaging soil and debris.
2. Apply XL LVT/Wood Floor Cleaner to the floor, wetting evenly (do not flood the floor), and allow dwelling for 5-10 minutes.
3. Agitate using a soft nylon bristle brush with the grain of the texture and seams.
4. Using a mop, wet vac, or clean cloth, remove the slurry.
5. Rinse the entire floor with clean fresh water and a mop.
6. Allow the floor to dry completely before walking on it.

Dull or Scratched Flooring

If the surface of the LVT/LVP appears dull, scratched, or lifeless after a deep cleaning, there are a few options you may use to correct it.

1. After the floor gets cleaned, apply XL Luster using a clean microfiber flat mop (following the directions on the label).
2. A floor finish can enhance the appearance of the floor. Matte finishes are most common; however, high gloss finishes get used as well.
3. Apply 1-2 coats of XL Matte or XL 25 to obtain the desired appearance. Note: applying an acrylic floor finish will eventually need to be removed (stripped) and reapplied.

NOTES:

1. Always follow flooring manufacture maintenance guidelines when known. There may be variations in maintenance procedures from one manufacturer to another. Some manufacturers do not follow these recommendations.
2. Do not wet-mop, wet-scrub, or strip the floor for at least 3 days after installation (This allows the adhesives to set).
3. Never dry buff or burnish a floor that does not have a finish on it.
4. Do not use excessive amounts of liquid (flood mop) during maintenance.
5. When moving furniture or heavy equipment, it should get carried.
6. If an acrylic finish is applied, do not place heavy furniture on newly finished floors for at least 24 hours.