



## Care and Cleaning of Hardwood Floors



### Why Should I Clean and Maintain My Hardwood Floors?

Hardwood floors contribute greatly to the atmosphere and aesthetic of your home. But they are also an investment. Protecting them, thankfully, is simple. By routinely cleaning, you remove dust and dirt before it scratches and dulls finish, or wears away the floor. Better still, you can now use products that are safe for your family and the environment, and still have beautiful hardwood floors that will last a lifetime.

### Why Bona Cleaner?

Bona has been trusted by professionals since 1919. Our cleaners have no dulling residue and are also non-toxic and GREENGUARD certified.

### How Often Should I Clean?

This varies, depending on your household and the square footage of your wood floors. Kids, pets and environment all contribute to wear on your floor. That said, Bona recommends cleaning as often as possible. Keeping your floor free from dirt and dust helps prevent scuffs and scratches. A clean floor is a longer lasting floor.

### Advanced Tips

- Use proper tools to clean your floor – a mop paired with a machine washable, microfiber pad for dusting and cleaning. Electrostatic action attracts dirt, microparticles and common household allergens.
- Avoid using water and vinegar, soap-based cleaners, wax or steam cleaners on your hardwood floors. Vinegar and water actually dull the floor's finish over time, while soap and wax leave residue. Steam cleaners put heat and excessive water on your floor, which can lead to cupping and long-term damage.
- Regular dusting and cleaning keeps hardwood floors looking new. But protective mats can further your floor's life. Use natural rubber rug underlayments with a waffle pattern in entry ways or high traffic areas, and use felt floor protectors on furniture.
- Depending on the amount of traffic in your home, we recommend polishing the floors every 2-3 months with our Bona Hardwood Floor Polish and sanding and refinishing approximately every 3-5 years