

OIL/WAXOIL CARE & MAINTENANCE

OIL & WAX OIL FINISH: FOR USE ON ALL GEORGIAN BAY PRODUCTS

PROTECTING YOUR FLOOR

- Use quality area rugs and doormats by outdoor entrance areas to prevent dirt, sand, grit and other substances from being tracked onto your floor.
- To minimize abrasive grit and dirt, regularly sweep the floor with a soft bristle broom or a dust mop, or vacuum using a suction only vacuum and a brush attachment - with bristles surrounding the entire attachment. Do not use a vacuum with a beater bar.
- Use soft felt floor protectors under the legs of all furniture. Do not use Teflon or plastic protectors. Floor protectors should cover the entire bottom of all furniture legs, and also along the entire edge of bases on furniture without legs such as dressers.
- To prevent rug/mat slippage use an approved vinyl rug underlayment made with 100% natural rubber that allows the hardwood flooring to breathe. Ask your rug dealer for the best mat to use on a hardwood floor. French River Flooring will not be responsible for damage to the floor for improper rug use.
- Maintain an indoor relative humidity level between 35% and 55% throughout the year to minimize the natural expansion and contraction of wood. In regions normally below 35% humidity, humidifiers may be needed to maintain proper humidity levels. Purchase a digital hygrometer to monitor humidity levels in your home.
- Heating Season (Dry): A humidifier is recommended to prevent excess shrinkage due to low humidity levels. Wood stove and electric heat tend to create very dry conditions.
- Non-Dry Heating Season (Wet): An air conditioner or dehumidifier or periodically turning on your heating system can maintain humidity during the summer months. Avoid excessive exposure to water during periods of inclement weather. Keep your HVAC system on to a maximum of 80° F and a minimum of 60° F at all times, even when not occupying the home for any extended time period, such as during vacations.
- For the first year, rearrange area rugs and furniture periodically so the floor can age evenly. UV sunlight will lighten or darken the tone of different species of hardwood to varying degrees.
- Keep pet nails trimmed to help minimize scratching of the finish.
- When moving heavy furniture or appliances, first put down a sheet of quarter inch plywood or Masonite (never cardboard) to protect the floor and help prevent denting. Never try to slide or roll heavy objects across the floor to avoid denting, bruising or scratching.

INITIAL CLEANING: (RECOMMENDED AFTER INSTALLATION)

- Floors finished with Oil or Wax Oil may water spot if spills are not cleaned up immediately.
- Remove all dirt and dust and other particles from the entire floor. Sweep the floor with a soft bristle broom or a dust mop, or vacuum the floor using a suction only vacuum and a brush attachment - with bristles surrounding the entire attachment. Do not use a vacuum with a beater bar.
- Using the Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner and micro fiber cloth, spray the floor lightly and spread the cleaner over the entire floor surface using the “end to end” direction of motion over the planks as opposed to “side to side.” Allow floor to dry for 45 minutes.

- Beginning on either side of the room, pour a 1" line of Authentiek Maintenance Oil onto the floor the length of the room. Using a second Bona microfiber cloth or a cotton cloth, spread the oil evenly, with the grain, using the "end to end" direction of motion over the planks as opposed to "side to side." Overlap evenly across the floor adding an additional 1" lines of oil as needed.
- Avoid any puddling or heavy applications. If a heavier amount of oil is desired, apply another coat of oil after each layer has dried.
- Allow 4 hours dry time before walking on the floor or adding an additional coat of oil.
- When finished, clean your second Bona microfiber cloth or cotton cloth with water or dispose of in a plastic bag. Soak the cloth with water prior to placing in the bag. Non-soaked Oil cloths can spontaneous combust when wadded up or tossed into the trash causing smoldering smoke or fire.

WEEKLY MAINTENANCE CLEANING (Or as needed)

- Dry-clean your floor by using a dust mop, broom, or vacuum cleaner (suction only or with a soft-bristled head, no beater bar). Lightly mist and clean your floor using Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner and microfiber cloth. Always use the "end to end" direction of motion over the planks as opposed to "side to side."

MAINTENANCE CARE (Bi-Monthly or as needed)

- Maintenance/Conditioning care can be carried out using the recommended Authentiek Maintenance Oil in the open areas and traffic areas following the same Initial Cleaning procedures. Moving furniture and area rugs is not necessary. Dirt spots, heel marks, and various stains can potentially be removed with this method.

PERIODIC WHOLE FLOOR CLEANING (Semi-annually or annually depending on traffic)

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FOR HIGH TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

- Annual or Semi-Annual coats of Vesting Hardwax Oil 3000KZ may be necessary.

REPAIR OF SLIGHT WEAR AREAS

- Common wear to oiled floors will appear as dull (“thirsty looking”) areas over time. These areas can be addressed using the recommended maintenance oil and may require extra coats depending on severity.
- Repair of heavy damage, extraordinary wear, or serious staining by consulting a wood flooring professional.

DEEP SCRATCHES

- Tough scuffs, spotting, or deep scratches may need a light touch up of a feathered coat of maintenance oil.
- Scratches of any kind should be discussed and dealt with by a professional as it may involve taking the finish down to, or through, the color and back up again.
- This involves specialized skills and techniques that require a hardwood floor professional with experience in oil finishes

NOTE

- Failure to maintain your floor correctly will result in a voided warranty.