

Streak-free floors without causing damage

### Hardwood cleaning checklist

#### **Test your floor finish**

Drop of water: beads up = sealed; absorbs = oil/wax finish.

#### **Dust mop or vacuum first**

Remove grit before it acts as sandpaper. Vacuum with brush retracted.

#### **Use a hardwood-safe cleaner**

Bona or similar pH-neutral, residue-free cleaner.

#### **Barely damp microfibre mop only**

Wring until hand-dry, then wring again.

#### **Work in direction of wood grain**

Clean in sections, overlap slightly.

#### **Dry any wet spots immediately**

Fan helps in humid Ontario summers.

#### **Avoid vinegar, bleach, steam mops**

All damage hardwood finish over time.

#### **Salt residue in winter: plain warm water**

Dampen cloth, dissolve salt, dry immediately.

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