



CORK FLOOR CARE & MAINTENANCE

If Capri approved finishes (site applied) and cleaners are not used the Capri @ Home warranty is null and void.

Capri @ Home Cork is pre-finished with 3 coats of commercial grade polyurethane.

A regular maintenance program is essential for keeping your cork floors beautiful. The frequency of cleaning will depend on the amount of traffic and type of usage. Caring for a cork floor is very similar to caring for wood floors with polyurethane finish. **With cork remember: "If you wouldn't do it to a wood floor, you shouldn't do it to a cork floor."**

REGULAR MAINTENANCE:

- Vacuum or sweep regularly. Dirt and grit which is left on the floor will abrade the floor.
- Remove spills and liquids immediately.
- Spot clean with a cloth lightly dampened with water as needed.
- ONLY clean the cork with Capri neutral floor cleaner (available from Capri). Follow the directions for the dilution ratio.
- Do not pour cleaner directly on the cork; use a lightly dampened terry cloth or micro fiber mop.
- Do NOT use oils, waxes, or any household cleaners on Capri @ Home cork floors.
- While cork is resistant to liquid penetration, just like other natural woods, liquids should not be poured on cork or allowed to stand on cork. Avoid excessive liquid "**pooling**" on the floor surface.

CORK FLOOR CARE ESSENTIALS:

- Use mats at exterior doors. Do not allow moisture to collect under mats.
- Like all natural woods, UV rays (sunlight) will fade cork, protection from UV rays is necessary.
- The unique cellular structure of cork enables it to withstand impact and cork has the ability to recover. However when excessive pressure is applied to cork (i.e. high heels, cleats and improper furniture glides/footings) dents which may not recover can occur.
- Use protective furniture footings/pads (available from 1877floorguy.com) and walker protectors. Use chair mats/pads under chairs with casters as casters can damage finish.
- Under heavy equipment, appliances or furniture legs/feet use appropriate floor protectors to dissipate the heavy point loads.
- Cork must be protected when moving heavy equipment, appliances or furniture.
- High heels can damage flooring and finish coats.
- As with all wood floors finished with polyurethane, the polyurethane is subject to scratching if not properly cared for.

RECOATING OF FINISH ON CORK:

- The finish will eventually need to be recoated. Timing of this will be dependent on traffic, usage and how well the floor has been maintained. It is the responsibility of the home owner to determine when the floor needs to be re-coated. Periodically check the floor for signs of wear. When you start to see sheen differences in your finish (typically in the highest traffic areas) you should schedule the re-coat. Do not wait until the bare cork is exposed.
- Loba 2K Supra 2-component waterborne polyurethane (available from Capri) is the ONLY Capri approved finish that can be used on Capri @ Home Cork. The Loba 2K Supra 2-component polyurethane is commercial grade water-based polyurethane and should be applied by professionals familiar with applying this type of finish.

Well maintained cork floor floors can last decades and an aged cork floor develops a beautiful "patina" only nature could create.