
Hints For The Home

Floor Care 101

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(NAPSA)—Pity your poor floors. They're trod upon, stomped on and usually neglected. A clean, glossy floor can actually improve the appearance of an entire room. Fortunately, maintaining and revitalizing your floors doesn't have to be a monumental task for time-starved homeowners. Here are some tips to keep your floors looking great:

Hardwood Floors

According to the Hardwood Information Center, hardwood flooring can add as much as \$10,000 to the resale value of a home—so it pays to take care of hardwood flooring. You can do that by using a little common sense around the house.

Try not to wear high heels or boots on your hardwood floors and be sure to clean up spills as soon as they happen. If you have hardwood in the kitchen, it's a good idea to keep area rugs in front of the sink and other areas where the floors tend to get wet.

To care for hardwood floors, use a product such as the Orange Glo Hardwood Floor Care System. The Orange Glo system cleans, shines and protects against scratches, wear and tear on your hardwood floors. The Cleaner cleans floors without leaving a residue, while the Refinisher restores shine and leaves a protective coat.

Other Hard Surface Floors

Laminate flooring has been growing in popularity and more than 70 percent of Americans have at least some vinyl flooring in their homes. If you're like most people, you have a number of dif-



Home improvement expert Joanne Liebeler says there are some quick ways to revitalize the floors in a home.

ferent hard flooring surfaces in your house.

For these types of floors, it is important to keep them clean, but you can also add a protective shine to boost their appearance. A product like Orange Glo's Laminate, Vinyl & Linoleum Revita-Shine adds a protective shine layer to dull floors.

Regardless of how you care for your floors, keep one final point in mind: Floors are often the focal point of a room, yet they take the most abuse. Your floors deserve better and treating them well could pay off in a number of ways.

For more information, visit www.cleanshineprotect.com.

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