

Floor Maintenance & Home-Sale Prep Checklist

Keep your hardwood, tile & grout, and LVP floors looking their best year-round — and use the sale-prep section below when it's time to list your home.

1 Routine Floor Maintenance

HARDWOOD

- ☐ Sweep or dust-mop daily to remove grit that scratches the finish
- ☐ Use a damp (not wet) mop with a hardwood-safe cleaner weekly
- ☐ Wipe up spills immediately — standing water damages wood
- ☐ Use furniture pads and rugs in high-traffic areas
- ☐ Schedule a professional deep clean and re-polish annually

TILE & GROUT

- ☐ Sweep or vacuum before mopping to prevent grinding in debris
- ☐ Mop with a pH-neutral cleaner weekly
- ☐ Spot-treat grout lines monthly to prevent staining and mildew
- ☐ Reseal grout every 12-18 months
- ☐ Schedule a professional deep clean twice a year

LUXURY VINYL PLANK (LVP)

- ☐ Sweep or dust-mop regularly to prevent surface scratching
- ☐ Clean with a manufacturer-approved LVP cleaner — avoid harsh chemicals
- ☐ Avoid excess water, which can seep into seams
- ☐ Use furniture protectors to prevent dents
- ☐ Schedule a professional deep clean annually

Tip: Consistent light maintenance between professional cleanings extends the life of every floor type and keeps repair costs down.

2 Getting Floors Sale-Ready

4-6 WEEKS BEFORE LISTING

- ☐ Walk through every room and note stains, scratches, or dull spots
- ☐ Identify flooring type in each room (hardwood, tile, LVP, carpet)
- ☐ Schedule a professional deep clean and assessment
- ☐ Repair or replace any damaged or loose flooring

1-2 WEEKS BEFORE LISTING PHOTOS

- ☐ Complete professional deep cleaning, polishing, or sealing
- ☐ Remove area rugs to show full flooring where possible
- ☐ Touch up baseboards and transitions between rooms
- ☐ Take before/after photos for listing marketing

BEFORE EVERY SHOWING

- ☐ Sweep and spot-check floors for dust, pet hair, or footprints
- ☐ Remove shoes-off clutter or entryway mats that hide flooring
- ☐ Keep a quick-clean kit on hand for last-minute touch-ups

Why it matters: Clean, well-maintained floors create a strong first impression, support higher perceived home value, and can help your home spend less time on the market.

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