



## **Preventive Maintenance**

Placing protective mats in front of any doors will protect the wood floor from sand and dirt since they are the worst enemy of your floor. Also, if you have wood flooring in your kitchen, a throw rug should be placed in front of the sink area to catch spills and splashes.

Floor protectors should be installed on all furniture legs. Floor protectors will help guard against your chairs, etc. scuffing or indenting your floor.

Dust mop or vacuum your wood floor as needed to prevent dirt and/or other abrasives from scratching or dulling the finish. Do not use wood polish or household dust treatment chemicals because they can dull or damage the floors finish. Use a wood floor cleaner like Bona X or equivalent.

Do not mop the hardwood floor because excess moisture can cause damage to your wood floor.

Most wood floors naturally change color over time. Area rugs, for instance, should be moved periodically to minimize the effects of ultraviolet light. This is especially true with unstained exotic species.

Keep the relative humidity in the house between 35-55%. Extremely high or low humidity can cause boards to expand or contract and possibly cause cracking, splitting or delamination of the veneer or surface coating. Damage from extreme humidity conditions are not covered by the Gemwoods warranty.

Do not roll or slide heavy objects directly upon the wood floor.

## **Regular Maintenance**

Your floor should be regularly dust mopped or vacuumed and periodically cleaned with specially formulated cleaners such as Bona X or equivalent which can be purchased from most flooring retailers.

Wipe up spills immediately.