

# GAINESVILLE flooring



**MAINTENANCE  
& CARE**

## CARPET CLEANING ✓

- Absorb the spill by blotting with white cloth/paper towel. Blot until area is nearly dry.
- Treat with a carpet cleaning product and pretest a small area of carpet first. You can use a combination of gentle dish soap and water but continue blotting, not rubbing.
- Avoid over wetting.
- Use fans to dry completely.

### SPECIFICALLY FOR PETS:

- Vacuum regularly to capture pet hair and dander.
- Clean up messes promptly and follow steps above.
- May need specialized carpet products designed for urine stains which help sanitize and reduce odors.



## RUGS ✓

- Rugs are often in high traffic areas like hallways and living rooms, so regular vacuuming and spot cleaning is important.
- Spills & pet accidents can soak through the rug and trap moisture/odors.
- With spills, prompt blotting and spot cleaning using a mild, carpet-safe cleaner is recommended.
- Rotating area rugs every few months to even out wear and sun exposure
- Using the steps above, always pretest your rug before cleaning.

## LVT/LVP/ VINYL ✓

- Wash your floors using a floor cleaner such as Bona or Armstrong Resilient & Ceramic Floor Cleaner.
- Avoid dishwashing liquids and oil-based cleaners (Pledge) which can leave your floors slick and dangerous. These may leave a residue which can attract dirt and dull your floor's finish.
- Sweep or vacuum regularly to remove dirt and grit that can abrade, dull or scratch your floor. Do not use a vacuum with a beater brush because it can damage your floor's surface.

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### HARDWOOD



- Wipe up spills immediately with a dampened towel.
- Clean your floors regularly with a professional wood floor cleaning product.
- Vacuum or sweep throughout the space prior to cleaning the hardwood/laminate. We recommend BONA hardwood spray. Spray a 5' x 5' area at a time with the Bona spray and wipe off any remaining cleaner before moving to the next area. Allow the area to dry completely before walking on the surface.



#### PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE:

- Do not “wet mop” floors... standing water can dull the finish, damage the wood and leave residue that discolors the hardwood finish
- Avoid walking on your hardwood/laminate floors with cleats, sports shoes or high heels.
- When moving heavy furniture, it is best to pick up furniture completely as sliding can scratch and damage the flooring.
- For wood flooring in the kitchen, place an area rug in front of the kitchen sink.

### TILE



- Tile may require cleaning a couple of days after installation due to a haze left as a result of the grouting process.
- Keep the traffic to a minimum during the first 24 hours to allow the thin set and grout to harden, then light traffic. Resume normal foot traffic after 48 hours.

#### PREVENTATIVE CARE:

- Always move heavy furniture and appliances to avoid crushing, breaking or cracking your tile.
- Wash your floors using a tile cleaning product such as Armstrong Resilient & Ceramic Floor Cleaner.
- Avoid dishwashing liquids and oil-based cleaners (Pledge). These may leave a residue which can attract dirt and dull your floor's finish. Avoid cleaners that contain abrasives or solvents which may permanently damage your floor.
- **NATURAL STONE** requires special care and maintenance due to its porous nature and should be sealed with a stone sealer to protect the finish.
- Do not use any harsh chemical cleaners such as ammonia, vinegar, or bleach