
Hardwood Floor Refinishing Preparation Checklist

To ensure a smooth and efficient refinishing process, please review and complete the following steps prior to our crew's arrival. Proper preparation helps protect your home and allows us to deliver the best possible results.

1. Clear the Work Area

- Remove all furniture, rugs, drapes, and personal belongings from the rooms being refinished.
 - Empty all closets, pantries, or built-in storage areas that have hardwood floors.
 - If assistance with moving large furniture is needed, please let us know in advance to make arrangements.
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2. Remove or Cover Items in Adjacent Areas

- Take down or securely cover artwork, pictures, and wall décor in nearby rooms to protect from dust vibrations.
 - Close off adjoining rooms with plastic sheeting or request our crew to do so if needed.
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3. Prepare Appliances and Electronics

- Unplug and remove all electronics (TVs, computers, speakers, etc.) from the work area.
 - Disconnect and move refrigerators, stoves, and other appliances if floors run underneath them.
 - **Appliances that require water connections, such as refrigerators, dishwashers, and washing machines, as well as toilets, must be removed and re-installed by a licensed professional plumber. Signature does not provide this service.**
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4. Ensure Proper Access

- Make sure our crew has clear access to the work area, entryways, electrical outlets, and a designated area for equipment setup.
 - Please reserve driveway or nearby parking for our work vehicle if possible.
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5. Control Indoor Conditions

- Maintain normal room temperature (65–75°F) and relative humidity (35–50%) before, during, and after the project.
 - Close windows and minimize HVAC use during sanding and finishing to control dust and humidity.
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6. Pets and Children

- Keep pets and children away from the work area at all times for safety and to prevent contamination of the finish.
 - It may be best to make temporary arrangements elsewhere during finishing and drying days due to fumes and restricted access.
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7. Dust and Odor Considerations

- **Signature uses HEPA-filtered dust collection systems** to minimize airborne dust during sanding. However, please expect a small amount of fine dust that cannot be
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completely avoided. **Professional cleaning is recommended once the project is completed** to ensure your home is fully dust-free.

- **Signature** will take every precaution to protect your home by covering built-ins, cabinets, televisions, and other stationary fixtures with plastic and dust protection.
 - Expect some odor from stains and finishes; adequate ventilation after work completion is recommended.
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8. Potential for Minor Damage

- Please expect the potential for **minor damage to cabinets, doors, built-ins, or trim work**. Our craftsmen are highly trained and take great care; however, due to the nature of the floor refinishing process, some damage may occur.
 - **Signature** will attempt repairs where possible, though any **specialty third-party services or materials, if required, are the homeowner's responsibility**.
 - Minor **paint touchups may also be needed**, and painting services are not included in the floor refinishing project.
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9. Stain and Finish Samples

- Prior to staining and finish application, **Signature** will prepare **sample stain colors and finish options directly on your floor**.
 - This allows you to review the actual appearance under your home's lighting conditions and approve your preferred color and finish before full application begins.
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10. Access Restrictions After Completion

- Please avoid walking on the floors for at least **24 hours after the final coat** (or as advised by our team). Avoid wearing street shoes on the floors for 5-7 days to allow finish to cure.
 - Do not place furniture, or heavy objects for **5-7 days**, allowing the finish to cure completely.
 - **Area rugs and other floor coverings may be placed after 2 weeks**.
 - **Do not wash or clean the floor for at least 5 days** after the project has been completed.
 - **Please obey all posted signs placed by Signature**, which may include *"No Entry" notices and specific restricted dates*. These signs are in place to protect the freshly finished floors and ensure the best possible results.
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11. Final Walk-Through

- Once the project is complete, we'll schedule a walk-through with you to review the results, care instructions, and maintenance recommendations.
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Thank you for your cooperation!

Proper preparation helps us achieve the best finish possible and ensures a smooth, stress-free process. Our dedicated Project Coordinator will work closely with you during and after refinishing process to ensure the highest level of service and quality.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at any time:

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