

# Spring Floor Care Checklist

Assess. Clean. Protect.

Between January's ice storm and February's blizzard, Montgomery County floors took a beating this winter. Use this checklist to walk through your home room by room — and make sure your floors are ready for the season ahead.

## STEP 1 — CLEAN & REFRESH YOUR FLOORS

- ☐ **Dry sweep or vacuum first**  
*Use a soft-bristle attachment — no beater bar*
- ☐ **Use the right cleaner**  
*We recommend Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner or Klean by Mirage*
- ☐ **Avoid steam mops, vinegar, and dish soap**  
*These strip finish and permanently dull hardwood*
- ☐ **Use a lightly dampened microfiber mop only**  
*Never saturate hardwood floors with water*

## STEP 2 — WALK THROUGH & ASSESS FOR WINTER DAMAGE

- ☐ **Check for salt and grit scratches near entryways**  
*Light scratches may buff out; deep ones need professional assessment*
- ☐ **Look for gaps between boards**  
*Some seasonal gapping is normal; gaps still present in May need a pro look*
- ☐ **Check for cupping or crowning**  
*Raised edges or centers indicate a moisture issue — do not refinish until assessed*
- ☐ **Test your finish — does water bead or soak in?**  
*If water soaks in, your protective finish has worn through*
- ☐ **Note any dull areas that won't clean up**  
*Finish is worn and losing its protective layer*

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## STEP 3 — PROTECT & MAINTAIN WHAT YOU HAVE

### ☐ Replace felt pads under all furniture legs

*Check every few months — pads compress and lose effectiveness*

### ☐ Add area rugs in high-traffic zones

*Entryways, hallways, kitchen sink area. Use hardwood-safe rug backing*

### ☐ Check indoor humidity levels

*Hardwood is happiest between 35–55% relative humidity*

### ☐ Consider a no-shoes policy at entry points

*Salt and grit are the #1 cause of finish wear*

#### DIY-Friendly

- Light surface cleaning and polishing
- Replacing felt pads under furniture
- Adding area rugs in high-traffic zones
- Running a humidifier to stabilize humidity between 35–55%

#### Call Majestic If...

- You see cupping, crowning, or gapping that doesn't resolve as weather warms
- Scratches go through the finish into the wood
- The finish looks worn in multiple rooms
- You're not sure — a free assessment costs nothing

## Is It Time to Refinish?

If this winter pushed your floors past the point of a simple clean and polish, spring is actually the best time to refinish. A refinish is the right call when wear is widespread or the wood itself is scratched and damaged. Either way, refinishing is far less expensive than replacing — and a well-refinished floor looks brand new.

**Free floor assessments available this spring.**

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