

# Acclimation of Your Carlisle Wide Plank Floor



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Acclimation of your Carlisle Wide Plank floor is critical for all environments, particularly those that are either exceptionally dry or wet. Understanding your particular home is important before specific guidelines can be given regarding acclimation.

1. Prior to acclimation, your jobsite must be at current living conditions. This requires that your air conditioning and/or heating systems are running, that all windows and doors are installed or that freshly poured concrete has had time to dry.
2. If you have radiant heat, it should be on for 30 days prior, regardless of time of year.
3. You should insist on having the moisture content in your subfloor or slab tested at multiple locations. This is the most important indicator of the conditions on your jobsite.
4. Your floor will arrive with approximately 8% moisture content. If you have a wood subfloor, it should not measure more than 12% before you start the installation. If you are going directly to slab, it should measure 3-4% prior to beginning the acclimation process.
5. To properly acclimate, you need to have circulation around all sides of the planks. We recommend separating different levels by using kiln-dried lathe strips.
6. Acclimation brings the planks closer to the moisture content of your living conditions. For example, if the subfloor moisture measures 15%, and you know it is going to stay that way, then you need to acclimate the wood until it comes up to 11-12% moisture.
7. Your finished floor and subfloor need to be within 3% of each other prior to beginning the installation process.
8. Depending on your location and the moisture in your subfloor, you may not be required to acclimate the wood.
9. It is important to discuss and review the acclimation process with your contractor. Please call your Wide Plank Specialist if you have any questions.