

# Cleaning and Maintenance Tips: Carlisle Finished Flooring (Prefinish or Site Finish)



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1. Water should be applied with a light touch, regardless of your finishing system, so that it can evaporate without soaking into the wood. Damp mopping is recommended over wet mopping. If excessive moisture is applied to your wood floor and allowed to stand, the wood will absorb the water and swell. This will raise the grain on the board-ends where the wood is most porous and possibly the grain on the surface as well. If the wood swells beyond the capacity of available expansion space, cupping can occur. Additionally, excess water can be detrimental to the adhesion of the finish.
2. Always test a new cleaning system in a small area before using it on an entire floor. Some finish systems can create a clouding effect. This clouding effect may be appreciated by some homeowners, but not all. It would be best to determine this in advance.
3. If Carlisle Wide Plank Traditional Finish or Prefinish was chosen, there are several cleaning methods that could be tested in your home, depending on the level of touch up you need to perform:
  - **Day to Day Cleaning: Vinegar & Water**  
Mix a small amount (1 to 2 oz.) of white vinegar per two gallons of water. The naturally acidic nature of vinegar allows it to strip away most dirt and contaminants, while being safe for your floor, and the environment.
  - **Periodic Cleaning: LOBA Hardwood Floor Cleaner**  
You may use LOBA Hardwood Floor Cleaner for period cleaning, if you need something more aggressive than vinegar and water.
  - **Deep Cleaning: LOBA Remover**  
If there is significant build up on your floor, you can use LOBA remover.

If any other finish system is used, contact the finish manufacturer directly for the appropriate cleaning schedule.
4. It may be appropriate to touch up small areas of your floor. There are a couple of options, depending on the size of the mark:
  - A. **Small Scratches**  
*Purchase a touch-up kit from Carlisle Wide Plank Floors for small marks. These kits contain multiple stain pens and a small amount of finish suitable for small scratches.*
  - B. **Scratches Over a Larger Area**  
*If the area is larger than a small scratch within the area of a few boards, tape off individual boards and recoat them\*. This may involve the application of stain, if the floor was originally stained, followed by the application of a coat of finish.*
5. You may wish to recoat your entire floor at some point. Carlisle Wide Plank Floors, in conjunction with LOBA—USA, has developed a convenient dustless recoat kit. Each kit will recoat up to 400 square feet of flooring, and the floor can often be touched up in a matter of hours, with no sanding required.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Carlisle cannot guarantee the availability of the exact stain color you may be using, once your floor has shipped. We recommend that you order one gallon of stain to keep in storage, and on hand, for repairs and/or touch ups over the life of your floor.