

The Floorcare Chronicles

LUXURY VINYL PLANK EDITION

THE COMPLETE GUIDE

Luxury Vinyl Plank (LVP) is a game-changer in modern flooring—durable, stylish, and low-maintenance. But even the toughest floors need a little TLC! Whether you're new to LVP or looking to improve your floor care routine, this issue of The Floorcare Chronicles has you covered.



POST-INSTALLATION CARE: SET THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS

TEMPERATURE CONTROL IS KEY

Your LVP thrives in a stable environment. Keep temperatures between 65°F-85°F and humidity levels between 35%-55% to prevent buckling or warping. Extreme temperature changes can lead to expansion or contraction, voiding your warranty—so keep that thermostat steady!



PROTECTING YOUR FLOORS

Furniture Pads are a Must: Use non-staining felt pads under furniture legs to prevent scuffs. For heavier items, opt for larger pads to distribute weight evenly.

Watch Those Shoes: High heels and cleats might be stylish, but they can exert extreme pressure—up to 8,000 pounds per square inch—which can dent any flooring. Keep them off your LVP!

Move Smart, Not Hard: When rearranging furniture, never drag it across the floor. Always lift and carry to avoid scratches and gouges.

A LITTLE PREVENTION GOES A LONG WAY

VACUUM THE RIGHT WAY:

If vacuuming, switch off the beater bar (that rolling brush on some vacuums) to avoid damaging the surface.

USE DOORMATS & RUGS:

Grit and grime act like sandpaper, slowly wearing down your floor's finish. Placing high-quality doormats inside and outside entryways can significantly reduce dirt buildup.

SKIP THE HARSH SCRUBBERS:

Steel wool, abrasive scrubbers, and scouring pads? Hard pass! They'll scratch the surface and ruin your floor's finish.



CLEANING & MAINTENANCE: TIPS TO KEEP LVP LOOKING NEW



Daily Care:

- Sweep with a soft-bristle broom or vacuum (without a beater bar) to remove dust and dirt.
- Use a damp mop with plain water to wipe away surface grime.

Weekly Deep Cleaning:

- Mix one cup of white vinegar with one gallon of hot water to naturally disinfect and remove buildup.
- For extra cleaning power, add a few drops of Blue Dawn dish soap to the mix, then mop with the soap solution first and rinse with the vinegar solution.
- Always spot-test in an inconspicuous area before using a new cleaner.

The "DO NOT" List: Cleaning Products to Avoid

- ✗ No "Mop & Shine" products—these leave a dull film.
- ✗ No detergents, paste wax, or solvent-based polishes.
- ✗ No ammonia—it can cause cracks in your flooring.
- ✗ No steam mops—excessive heat can damage LVP and void the warranty.

THE HIDDEN ENEMY: OFFICE CHAIR WHEELS

Think your rolling office chair is harmless? Think again! Hard plastic caster wheels are an LVP nightmare, creating micro-scratches and wear patterns that ruin your floor's finish over time.

How to Stop the Damage:

Use a Chair Mat: A protective mat under your chair prevents wear and tear.

Upgrade Your Wheels: Swap out hard plastic casters for soft rubber or polyurethane wheels designed for delicate flooring.

Add a Rug: A low-pile area rug under your workspace is a simple and stylish way to shield your floors.

Don't let your chair slowly destroy your investment—take these precautions now to save yourself from costly repairs later!

WHERE LVP THRIVES & WHERE IT DOESN'T

Sunlight Warning: Direct, long-term sunlight exposure can fade and discolor LVP. Use window treatments or UV-tinted glass to protect your floors.

While LVP is tough, it's not meant for every space. Avoid installing LVP in:
Outdoor areas, sunrooms, and seasonal porches
Saunas, showers, or rooms prone to flooding
Campers, RVs, or areas without temperature control



LOVE YOUR FLOORS, AND THEY'LL LOVE YOU BACK!



Luxury Vinyl Plank is one of the easiest floors to maintain, but proper care is still essential. Follow these simple steps, and your floors will stay beautiful, durable, and damage-free for years to come!

Got questions about your flooring? Stop by Mesquite Tile & Flooring—we're always happy to help!