

Disclaimer: This document is a general reference guide for cleaning and maintaining LVP. Always follow manufacturer recommendations for installing & maintaining products. If available, these are typically located in each box of tile and sometimes online. The following guide provides general information and should be read in its entirety.

[Recommended cleaners can be viewed & purchased here.](#)

General Tips

- Do wipe up spills to avoid any staining of your floors.
- Do use floor protectors on furniture to avoid scratching floors.
- Do use protective mats underneath areas with desk chairs.
- Do wash your floors with a pH neutral cleaner.
- Don't use abrasive detergents.
- Don't use wax polish on floors.
- Don't drag furniture over your floor.

Daily and weekly maintenance

- Sweep, vacuum or dust mop the floor as needed to remove dust, loose dirt, and grit. In high traffic areas this may be a daily or twice daily procedure. Use only vacuums that do not have bristle beater bars or metal heads.
- Clean liquid spills immediately to prevent the possibility of stains, slips or falls. Damp mop the floor as needed to remove dirt and stains. Use a neutral pH cleaner and a red pad if needed to remove ground in dirt. Soft bristle brushes can also be used on flooring with embossed surfaces.

Preventative steps

- Use mats at all entry areas to keep dirt, sand and water off of the floor. Clean the mats on a regular basis. If mats are placed directly on top of the floor, be sure the mats have a non-staining back. Rubber mats are also not recommended over Architectessa flooring products.
- Furniture shall have protective glides of at least 1" in diameter to minimize the chance of indentations or scratching to the surface of the floor. Do not use narrow chair glides! Felt pads are also excellent protection for the floor for furniture that will be frequently moved directly across the floor.
- Areas with caster chairs must have protective mats under the chairs.
- Do not move heavy furniture, appliances or fixtures directly across the floor.
- Use protective boards or appropriate furniture movers designed for use over hard surface flooring
- Protect the floor from direct sunlight by using appropriate window coverings.
- Use chair mats at desks to protect the floor from damage due to chair legs or casters.
- Periodically clean caster wheels and check for wheels that may be broken or no longer rotating. Replace damaged wheels immediately. Ensure all furniture castors and chair legs are

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clean and free of all dirt and debris.

- Avoid use of metal or razor scrapers to remove dirt, residues or other marks from flooring. This will damage the protective wear layer of the vinyl flooring.
- Do not use nylon/hard plastic floor protectors or furniture feet.