

HARDWOOD FLOORING INSTALLATION CHECK LIST

Plan, Plan, Plan - Use This Checklist As A Guide!



PLAN AND PREP

- Try starting the process by putting together an inspiration board, whether literally or on sites like Pinterest and Houzz. Include colors, products and ideas that you are drawn to.
- Secure a flooring professional to view the installation site to provide accurate measurements.
- Once your flooring is selected, consider purchasing one to two cartons and laying them out to get a good feel for the product on a larger scale, moving it around from room to room.
- Inquire about installers, get references, ask for insurance and guarantees against damage to items or installation problems.
- Once you've selected your contractor, provide them with the flooring specifications and the professional measurements. Ask the installer about necessary floor preparation, agree on a price and schedule the installation.
- Purchase transitions trim, moldings and underlayment.
- If you are considering repainting, changing wallpaper or other remodel changes, the time to do it is before the flooring is installed.
- Make sure flooring is delivered at least 72 hours before and preferably store it in the room it will be laid in so it can acclimate.
- Pick up boxes for consolidating items that will need to be moved. Donate unwanted items.
- Measure doors for fit. Consider replacing, painting doors or changing the hardware.

BEFORE THE INSTALLATION

- If your install includes the kitchen, take this opportunity to clean the fridge since it will be disconnected and moved.
- Clear an area in the house for the flooring delivery.
- Remove and relocate valuables such as jewelry. Pack or relocate keepsakes and breakables.
- Empty any chests or furniture that are heavy or have breakable objects.
- Purge and organize - no time better to get rid of furniture and accessories you don't need.
- Empty closets and remove items from under the beds.
- Remove drapes and artwork from the walls for the installation.

DON'T FORGET...

- Protect those new floors. Purchase pad protectors for furniture, doormats and pads for pet bowls.
- Make sure you have the proper vacuum and attachments and cleaning supplies recommended by the manufacturers' warranty for care and maintenance.
- Purchase new air filters for replacement upon completion and consider having the ducts cleaned at completion of installation for even better indoor air quality.