



PRODUCT CARE

Sustainability of Hard Surface Product Care

Easy Product Care for Hard Surface Flooring That Maintains Life and Reduces Your Impact

At Mannington Commercial, we believe that product care isn't just about keeping your floor looking good. When care routines are easier to put into practice, they maintain the life of your floor and reduce the need for premature replacement. That's better for your investment—and better for the planet.



Our Product Care Philosophy

We take a holistic approach to product care. Our universal instructions are designed to care for every type of surface without ever causing damage to the surface.

- **Product-Specific Guidelines**

Mannington Commercial provides one clear set of instructions for each product category. This makes training and implementation easier than following multiple competing protocols, while ensuring every surface gets the specific care it needs.

- **Do No Harm Methods**

Our recommendations are built around protecting your investment. By prioritizing microfiber tools, neutral cleaners, and water-first approaches, our care methods avoid the surface damage caused by harsh chemicals or abrasive pads—helping floors reach their full useful life.

- **Simple Steps**

We keep routines straightforward and repeatable so teams can follow them consistently. Clear instructions reduce errors, cut down on training time, and help staff achieve expectations consistently.

How Hard Surface Product Care Reduces Environmental Impact

Proper maintenance protects more than just your floors. Every cleaning choice—what products are used, how much water is required, and how often intensive maintenance is needed—shapes your facility's overall footprint. By following the simple maintenance guidelines for Mannington Commercial flooring, you can:

#1 Reduce Water Use

Microfiber systems enable low-moisture cleaning and better soil suspension, resulting in efficient soil removal.

#2 Lower Chemistry Load

Neutral cleaners or water where appropriate reduce residues and chemicals that must be used compared to other maintenance systems.

#3 Use Less Energy & Labor

By maintaining floors without a traditional floor finish, facilities can eliminate the annual strip-and-recoat cycle, significantly reducing chemical use, labor hours, and overall maintenance costs while supporting a more sustainable cleaning program.

#4 Extend Service Life

Gentle, consistent care preserves wear layers and extends useful life.

Why We Recommend Microfiber for Sustainable Product Care

Effective product care starts with the right tools. Microfiber pads and mops lift and trap soil efficiently using only water or a small amount of neutral cleaner—no harsh chemicals required. Because they clean effectively with minimal moisture and pressure, microfiber helps your team:

- Uses less water and chemistry in daily cleaning.
- Avoid over-wetting floors.
- Reduce the need for powered equipment and harsh stripping cycles.
- Maintain floor performance longer, delaying replacement.



The Benefits of No Polish Maintenance

Many Mannington Commercial resilient products feature factory-applied coatings, which are engineered to deliver long-term performance without the need for floor finish. By designing floors that do not require the use of floor finish, we help you reduce the ongoing environmental and operational impacts of maintenance.

- **Uses Fewer Resources**

Eliminates the chemicals, water, and energy tied to strip-and-recoat routines.

- **Reduces Downtime**

No need to take spaces out of service for recoating, which minimizes disruptions to operations for facilities that are in use 24/7.

- **Preserves Appearance**

Factory-applied coatings resist scratches and stains, reducing the need for corrective maintenance.

- **Flexible Options**

For customers who prefer it, some products can still be finished to meet specific appearance or facility requirements.

Tips to Extend the Life of Your Floor

The right floor care routine not only keeps surfaces looking their best—it helps them last longer, reducing the need for premature replacement. Follow these best practices to protect your investment and support a more sustainable facility.

- **Start at the entryway**

Install a walk-off system that traps soil and moisture before they spread through your building. This simple step reduces cleaning needs everywhere else.

- **Choose neutral cleaners—or water**

Strong chemicals aren't always needed for daily care. Neutral solutions at the proper dilution—or just water in some cases—are safest for the floor and the environment while still performing as well as strong chemicals.

- **Avoid abrasive pads**

Floor pads containing silica or other aggregates can scratch and wear down finishes, shortening product life. Microfiber mops and pads capture dirt without scratching, while reducing water and chemical use compared to traditional pads.

- **Use accessories to protect your floors**

Install felt pads or furniture sliders on any surface that comes in contact with the floor. These simple accessories help prevent gouges, tears, and surface wear that can shorten product life and lead to premature repair or replacement.

- **Incorporate low-moisture cleaning**

Periodic low-moisture or interim cleaning resets appearance without saturating floors, saving water and energy while reducing downtime.

- **Train for consistency**

Clear, simple instructions ensure every member of your team follows the same process, reducing errors and keeping results consistent.



Care Considerations for Commercial Flooring

Every Mannington Commercial flooring product is engineered for long-term performance when cared for correctly. Follow these product-specific recommendations to reduce maintenance costs and extend the life of your flooring.

	RECOMMENDATION	WHY IT MATTERS
LVT/Sheet Vinyl	Do: Consider factory-applied Quantum Guard® coating—no polish required.	Eliminates strip-and-wax cycles, reducing chemicals, labor, and downtime.
	Do: Select the right hard-surface flooring cleaner for your space.	Water or neutral pH cleaners are best for most soils, while alkaline or acidic solutions may be needed in specific conditions. Using the right product prevents residue, protects the coating, and reduces unnecessary chemical use.
	Do: Use microfiber pads when possible.	Microfiber is proven to reduce chemical and water use, lowering both environmental impact and lifecycle cost without abrasion.
	Do: Protect surfaces with felt pads under furniture.	Prevents gouges and tears that can force premature replacement of sections of flooring.
Rubber	Do: Clean with neutral cleaners—or just water.	Preserves the floor's natural self-migrating wax, which protects appearance and reduces the need for harsh corrective treatments.
	Do: Use microfiber pads for textured or raised surfaces.	Avoids abrasion, keeping the floor looking better for longer and reducing replacements.
	Do: Protect surfaces with felt pads under furniture.	Prevents gouges and tears that can force premature replacement of sections of flooring.

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