

## Before You Can Install Wood Flooring...

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The following is a checklist to help the homeowner and contractor prepare the jobsite before hardwood or softwood flooring is ready to be installed. Please keep in mind that it is important to follow these guidelines in order to ensure proper installation. **The flooring installer cannot be held responsible for jobsite conditions or undesirable damage when these instructions are not followed.**

- The building temperature should be maintained **between 65 to 72 degrees Fahrenheit (18 to 22 Celsius) and a relative humidity of 35 to 45 percent.** The building should be able to maintain these conditions.
- All windows and doors should be installed on all floors of the building, and remain closed during damp conditions. Failure to do so will result in a humid environment which will cause wood flooring to swell and/or buckle, and may even lift flooring from the subfloor. Temporary plywood doors are not suitable.
- All wet trades shall be completed, including drywall, painting, tile or masonry. This work should be completed and the building allowed to dry for a minimum of two weeks prior to flooring installation. Moisture from this type of work will also create a humid building environment unsuitable for flooring installation. Also, completing this work after floor finishing is complete will almost certainly result in damage.
- Heating and HRV systems should be turned on prior to flooring installation, particularly in extreme weather conditions such as winter cold or high humidity.
- Our installation involves the use of a specially-engineered adhesive. If subfloors have been painted (such as in some renovation projects), the paint must be sanded off in order to allow proper adhesion.
- Drywall spackle, staples, carpet strip or other debris on the subfloor should be removed in preparation for the installer. Remove baseboard heaters where necessary.
- Ensure that any floor registers, floor receptacles, plumbing or other obstacles are planned in advance and placed where they should be. The installer cannot be held responsible for bad planning.
- Masonry work, such as stone fireplaces, should be kept off the subfloor at least 7/8" in order to allow the flooring to slip underneath.
- Our flooring is manufactured to 3/4" thick. Ensure that your other floor coverings are planned and installed in accordance with this to ensure flat transitions between living spaces.
- 220 V power must be available prior to installation, and a reasonable number of wall receptacles in each room. Overhead lighting (even pigtail or temporary lighting) should also be available to the floor finisher – not halogen work lighting.

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- Baseboard and door trim should not be installed until after the floor is complete.
- The building will not be accessible to other trades once the flooring installation has begun.
- Ensure that your contractor and other trades understand and follow these guidelines. The flooring installer cannot be held responsible for failure to follow these directions.