

## Flooring Aftercare Guide

### Protecting Your Floor

To ensure the long-term beauty, durability, and warranty of your Nordikka flooring, follow these essential protection tips:

- **Lift, Don't Drag:** Always lift heavy furniture when moving it. Dragging can cause deep scratches or damage to the surface and/or click system.
- **Use Protective Pads:** Attach **felt pads** to the legs of chairs, tables, and other furniture to reduce friction and prevent scratching.
- **Install Castor Cups:** For heavier items (like sofas and wardrobes), place **castor cups** under legs to distribute weight evenly and avoid compression marks.
- **Choose Entrance Mats Wisely:** Always use **non-rubber backed mats** at all exterior entrances to trap dirt and moisture. Rubber-backed mats can cause discolouration and/or staining.
- **Rugs in High-Traffic Areas:** Use area rugs or runners in hallways or entry points. Again, ensure they are non-rubber backed.

### Routine Cleaning & Maintenance

Consistent maintenance helps preserve floor's appearance and performance.

#### Daily & Weekly Cleaning

- **Sweep or vacuum** regularly to remove dirt and grit that may scratch the surface. Use a soft-bristle broom or a vacuum designed for hard flooring (without a beater bar).
- **Mop as needed** using a **pH-neutral, fragrance-free cleaner** formulated for LVT flooring (we recommend Dr. Schutz products).
- Use a **well-wrung damp mop** - never oversaturate the floor.
- **Steam cleaners are not suitable** for LVT or SPC flooring. The high heat and moisture can damage the surface or compromise adhesive bonds.

#### Spill & Spot Cleaning

- **Clean spills immediately** to prevent staining or damage. Use a damp cloth and a suitable vinyl-safe cleaner.
- Never leave standing water or puddles on the surface - this may cause warping, staining, or weakened adhesives.

### Post-Installation Guidelines

- Allow the **adhesive to fully cure** (if gluedown LVT was installed) before mopping or moving furniture back into place. Consult your installer for specific curing time.
- Allow SPC or click systems to **acclimatise to room conditions** before heavy use.
- Use door mats immediately after installation to reduce grit and protect from wear.

### Environmental Conditions

LVT flooring is affected by temperature and humidity. Maintaining stable indoor conditions is crucial:

- **Temperature:** Keep between **18°C and 27°C** (ideal: 20-22°C).
- **Humidity:** Maintain between **35% and 65% RH**. Use a dehumidifier or humidifier if necessary to stabilise indoor conditions.
- **Direct Sunlight:** UV exposure can cause discolouration or expansion. Use **blinds or curtains** to reduce prolonged sunlight exposure

# Pet & Footwear Considerations

- Trim pet nails regularly to prevent scuffing.
- Avoid high heels, cleats, or studded shoes - these can leave dents or scratches.
- Encourage use of soft-soled indoor shoes.

## General Do's and Don'ts

### Do:

- Clean regularly with soft tools and LVT-safe cleaners.
- Use felt protectors and door mats.
- Maintain recommended room temperature humidity.
- Wipe up all liquids promptly.
- Consult your installer before using any cleaning machine.

### Don't:

- Use abrasive pads, steel wool, or harsh chemicals.
- Use waxes, polishes, or oil-based treatments.
- Drag heavy furniture or sharp objects across the floor.
- Allow puddles or standing water to remain.
- Use rubber-backed mats or rugs.

Type of Mark	Recommended Solution
Food & Drink Stains	Clean with a damp cloth and pH-neutral cleaner
Ink, Paint, Permanent Marker	Gently rub with isopropyl alcohol on a soft cloth
Grease or Oil	Use mild detergent, rinse with clean water and dry
Scuff Marks & Shoe Prints	Buff with a damp cloth and mild vinyl floor cleaner
Use diluted alcohol cleaner and gently rub with soft sponge	Use diluted alcohol cleaner and gently rub with soft sponge.

## Warranty Tip

Following this guide not only ensures your floor stays looking its best - it also helps protect your product warranty.

To retain warranty coverage:

- Keep a record of your **purchase invoice and installation date**
- Retain **three spare planks or tiles** from your installation batch for potential testing
- Follow our **Nordikka Installation and Aftercare Guides**
- Use only **recommended cleaning products and methods**

## Questions or Concerns?

If you're unsure about a product or cleaning method, refer to your Nordikka installer, your flooring retailer, or contact us directly at [enquiries@nordikka.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@nordikka.co.uk).

