

Having your wood floors done is a major project! Here's a checklist to help you prepare for the big day:

- Prepare for dust.** Installing and sanding wood floors is an ***extremely dusty operation!*** Unless you've requested our **Dust Containment Service**, you'll need to seal off the work area with good, medium thickness plastic sheeting. Be sure to secure it with an adequate amount of tape and tacks so it stays up for the duration of the job (3-6 days). When you hang your plastic keep in mind that it isn't practical for us to "tape ourselves in" since we make so many trips to our trucks through out the job. Cabinet doors need to be sealed with wide painter's tape. When the job is done the work area will need to be dusted.

- Hide a key.** We don't require that you be home while we work on your floors-- in fact because of all the noise, dust and fumes most of our customers prefer not to stick around! We've found it works best if you hide a key for us at the job site so we can get in, do our work and lock up when finished. If you are away please leave a list of contact numbers for our crews. If you'd rather meet us to let us in we'll do our very best to coordinate with you but keep in mind miscommunication and delays can often occur as we have multiple crews traveling between multiple jobsites, each one with it's own set of variables! I

- Supply power.** Most existing homes will have adequate power supplies for us to do our work efficiently but new construction and remodel jobs still working off temporary power could pose problems. Our installers need 110 electrical outlets within 100ft of the work area- any further than that and their compressors won't be able to keep up with their rapid-fire flooring staplers. Our sanders will need a 220 outlet (electric stove or dryer outlet) and at least one 110 outlet per room. Multiple 110 outlets are especially important— negotiating a tangled web of extension cords and splitters with our sanding machines is not only frustrating but can also be dangerous!

- Heat the job site.** Wood floor finish will not dry properly without adequate heat. To ensure your job stays on schedule and that your floors have a smooth and durable finish be sure the work area is heated- new construction and remodel jobs should not be scheduled until they have permanent heat. Allow our coaters access to your thermostat and disengage any programming that will prevent them from setting the temperature manually. Expect to heat the work area (65° - 70°) during the job and until the finish is fully cured (1-2 weeks after application of final coat).

- Secure your pets.** Keep pets as far from the work area as possible- The noise of our machines can frighten them and the fumes from the finish is not healthy! Keep in mind humans often accidentally walk through the wet finish so don't expect your cat or dog to do any better— you don't want your furry friend licking wet floor finish off his sticky paws!

If there's anything else we can do to help you prepare please give us a call!