Selva SPC Flooring Care & Maintenance Guide

Your SPC flooring is designed for long-lasting durability and style. With the right care, you'll keep it looking its best for many years. This guide outlines everything you need to know: from daily upkeep to long-term protection against scratches, stains, and climate-related wear.

1. Creating the Right Environment

SPC flooring performs best when your home or business maintains a stable indoor climate:
- Temperature: 60°F – 80°F (year-round)
- Humidity: 30% – 50%

If your space is unusually dry or humid, consider a humidifier or dehumidifier. Keeping conditions consistent helps prevent unnecessary stress on the flooring.

2. Initial Cleaning After Installation

Once your new floors are installed:
1. Vacuum or sweep to remove dust and debris.
2. Damp mop using clean water or a vinyl-approved floor cleaner.
3. Follow with a dry cloth or mop to remove any remaining moisture.

This first cleaning ensures that your new floors start off spotless.

3. Daily & Weekly Care

A. Routine Dust Removal
- Sweep or vacuum daily (or as needed).
- Use vacuums designed for hard surfaces with the beater bar switched off.
- This prevents grit from scratching the surface.

B. Regular Mopping
- Mop weekly or twice weekly, depending on traffic.
- Always use a microfiber or sponge mop, slightly damp (never wet).
- Rinse your mop often in a separate bucket to avoid spreading dirt.
- Water should evaporate within a minute—if it lingers, the mop is too wet.
- For deeper cleaning, use a pH-neutral cleaner made for vinyl floors.

Avoid ammonia, wax, polish, and abrasive cleaners. Never use a steam mop.

4. Spot & Spill Treatment

Everyday Spills: Wipe up spills immediately with a soft cloth or paper towel, then clean with damp water.

Food & Beverage Stains:
- Use mild dish soap in warm water. Rinse with clean water.

- For tough stains like ketchup or mustard, gently rub with a paste of baking soda and water, then rinse.

Ink, Dye & Chemical Stains:
- Lightly dab the spot with rubbing alcohol or mineral spirits on a clean cloth.
- Never pour directly on the floor.
- Follow with vinyl cleaner to remove residue.

Always test any new cleaning solution on a hidden area or spare plank first.

5. Protecting Against Scratches & Scuffs
Although SPC flooring is resistant to wear, it's not indestructible. Take these preventive steps:

- Furniture: Use felt pads under legs. For heavier items, use wide, non-staining protectors.
- Moving Items: Never drag furniture—use sliders, Masonite sheets, or a dolly.
- Entryways: Place mats at doors to trap dirt and grit. Choose mats with breathable, non-rubber backings.
- Rugs: Use only rugs with natural felt backings; avoid rubber or PVC pads.
- Pets: Keep nails trimmed. Clean pet accidents promptly.
- Footwear: High heels, cleats, and spiked shoes can dent any flooring surface.

Fixing Scuffs & Minor Scratches:
- Scuff marks: Rub gently with a tennis ball or eraser.
- Light scratches: Use a vinyl scratch repair kit (many available at hardware stores).
- Deep damage: Replace individual planks if necessary.

6. Long-Term Care Tips
- Use blinds or curtains to reduce fading from direct sunlight.
- Place rugs in spill-prone areas like kitchens and entryways.
- Use protective mats under rolling office chairs.
- In snowy or sandy areas, increase mat coverage to reduce grit.
- Inspect furniture pads regularly and replace if dirt builds up.

7. Quick Do's & Don'ts
Do:
✓ Sweep/vacuum regularly
✓ Mop with damp microfiber cloths
✓ Wipe spills immediately
✓ Maintain stable indoor temperature and humidity
✓ Protect high-traffic zones with mats or rugs

Don't:
✗ Use steam mops or hot water

✗ Drag furniture without protection

✗ Use abrasive pads, wax, or harsh cleaners

✗ Place porous planters or vases directly on the floor

✗ Leave spills or pet accidents unattended