## ···· FLOORING

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**NOTES:** 

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FLOORING TYPE	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES	CARE/MAINTENANCE	COST
VINYL	Inexpensive • Easy to install Variety of colors and styles	May not wear well • Difficult to repair	Sweep or vacuum any dirt, wash with warm water and detergent if recommended by manufacturer	\$-\$\$
NATURAL WOOD	Can refinish • Wears well Warmer look and feel	Expensive Not recommended for bath areas	Sweep or vacuum loose dirt, periodically buff, don't wax floors with urethane finish, do not use products made for tile or vinyl floors	\$\$-\$\$\$
LAMINATE	Cheaper Than Natural Wood Not Slippery	Can't Refinish	Sweep and Wash Using a Damp Mop	\$-\$\$
TILE	Durable • Variety of colors & styles Moisture, scratch, stain & fade resistant	Cold Underfoot • Hard • Difficult to Replace Grout May Stain • May be Slippery when Wet or Dry Unless Textured	Sweep or vacuum to remove dirt Wash using a damp mop	\$\$-\$\$\$
CARPET	Soft underfoot • Warm Variety of colors & styles	Untreated carpet may stain Some carpets may not wear well	Vacuum dirt or dust • Clean by wet or dry extraction methods depending on manufacturers instructions • Spot clean with qualified stain remover	\$-\$\$
вамвоо	Harder than some other woods Environmentally friendly	Easily scratched • Can be water damaged Can soften • Affected by humidity Concerns of toxins • Expensive	Sweep or vacuum to remove dirt, Periodically buff • Don't wax floors with urethane finish • Don't use products made for tile or vinyl floors	\$\$\$
CORK	Warm & Somewhat Soft Underfoot Provides Acoustical Excellence Tough • Resilient • Insulating Environmentally Friendly	Floor Must be Well Sealed	Use a damp mop to regularly clean dirt, Clean up spills & excess water immediately, Never flood floor with any liquid or use abrasive cleaners	\$\$\$
MARMOLEUM	Environmentally Friendly Asthma & Allergy Certified • Anti-Microbial	Requires regular sealing Stains, scratches, scuffs & dents easily (not pet friendly)	Requires regular sealing Requires low detergent cleaners, soft, tools etc.	\$\$\$