

## The Hardwood Flooring Store Announces New Tips for Water Damage to Hardwood Floors

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THORNHILL, ON, CANADA, June 30, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Hardwood floors are designed to be durable and long-lasting, but they may be susceptible to water damage, especially older hardwood floors. The Hardwood Flooring Store offers tips to help homeowners deal with water damage to their floors.

<u>Hardwood floors in Thornhill</u> and other cities can suffer water damage when a roof leaks or rain comes in through open windows. If dealt with quickly, water won't cause long-term



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problems. It's recommended to use a mop or clean cloth to wipe up as much water as possible as soon as it is noticed. Turn a fan on to dry up the wet area for any water that is left. Open windows and use a dehumidifier to reduce moisture quickly. Avoid using a heater because it can actually cause permanent damage to the wood.

If the water has been allowed to set or has seeped into the wood, more extreme measures will be necessary. Obvious damage is seen in warped wood or areas that cup up. The damaged area will need to be sanded and refinished. Ron Ander of The Hardwood Flooring Store, a hardwood flooring store in <u>Thornhill</u> and Toronto, advises homeowners to hire professionals unless they have experience in restoring floors. "If mold and mildew is present, you'll need a professional to ensure it is removed before working on the floors," he says.

Homeowners can seal their hardwood floors to prevent future water damage. The sealant prevents water from seeping into the wood. Instead, it will pool on top where it can easily be wiped up. It's also important to monitor any areas with hardwood floors with plumbing, such as bathrooms and kitchens. Check for roof leaks or foundation issues before water seeps into the home.

Ander also suggests considering the potential for water damage when purchasing or building a new home. Don't install hardwood floors in rooms with high humidity. Instead, engineered wood may be a better choice. He recommends working with a professional installer before selecting a flooring choice. The expert will analyze the house and determine which flooring choices are best for the area. "Hardwood floors are an ideal choice for many areas, but they aren't perfect for everywhere." Ander says it's important to consider all features of the room before choosing hardwood floors to determine if it is the best option.

Many modern hardwood flooring styles are designed to handle moisture. Homeowners can visit The Hardwood Flooring Store to see the various options available and select one that is the best fit in the room they are redecorating. It's a good idea to bring in photos of the room or to have the flooring expert visit the home to determine if hardwood is the best answer. The best way to deal with damage

in <u>hardwood floors in Thornhill</u> and other communities is to prevent it in the first place. When a person plans out their design with all considerations in mind, they will lessen the chances of water damage.

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