

Royal Wood Floors Helps You Understand More About When Wood and Water Combine To Help You Keep Your Floors Beautiful

Royal Wood Floors continues to cover hard wood floor problems so that home owners can keep their wood floors in good shape longer - Series 16

MILWAUKEE, WI, UNITED STATES, January 31, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Royal Wood Floors](#) specializes in [hard wood floor refinishing](#) and [installing hard wood floors](#) in the greater Milwaukee area and has been highly successful for over 15 years. "After servicing or installing a new floor, we make a point of providing the following as a special series of tips for every customer in order to ensure that their floors are protected and provide that stunning hard wood beauty for as long as possible", says Keith Allman who owns Royal Wood Floors. He continues to say, "there are a variety of problems that can affect the beauty and life of hard wood floors and once these are isolated they can be handled properly so that the hard wood lasts for years the way it should". Different types of hard wood floor damage can often times be dealt with through hard wood floor restorations. In this article we want to discuss what happens when wood and water combine to better educate the homeowners that want to keep their hard wood floors beautiful and long lasting.

When Water & Wood Combine:

When the phone rings for the flooring installer, it's often a prospective customer who got the name of the company from a friend. Give an estimate for a new floor? Sure. Getting those kinds of phone calls are good for the business. But sometimes the call is a previous customer with a complaint. Perhaps the floor that fit so well when installed now shows cracks, cupping or buckling. Those are the most common changes



that moisture can inflict on a wood floor. They do no favors for the customer with those amazing wood floors, nor for the hard wood floor industry. Tales of how wood floors were damaged by water, for whatever reason – improper installation or careless maintenance by the home owner leave the impression that wood floors are more problematic than other flooring choices. For wood flooring professionals, it's important to inform wood floor owners about the normal behavior of wood in relation to moisture.

Most solid wood flooring will contract during periods of low humidity (usually during the heating season), sometimes leaving noticeable cracks between boards, or expanding during periods of high humidity. To help minimize these effects, home owners can stabilize the home through temperature or humidity control. Spotting any potential moisture problems and taking the proper steps to avoid them is the path to having longer lasting and beautiful hard wood floors. Fortunately, many of the instances that involve moisture can be mitigated before, during or soon after a floor is installed.

A well performing wood floor is often the result of the installing company taking the time and care necessary for a successful installation.

It involves the knowledge of:

- The expected moisture content of wood flooring in a particular area after acclimation.
- The moisture content of flooring at the actual time of installation.
- The expected "in-use" changes.

Moisture is a large part of how wood behaves both during the machining process of the material and after installation. Installing companies would do well to understand moisture's effect on wood. An extreme example of moisture causing problems with wood flooring is flooding. If a wood floor has experienced flooding, do not repair the floor until moisture meter readings on the top and bottom of the boards and sub-floor are at normal levels. When the flooring is stabilized, determine the damage. If the flooring has loosened from the sub-floor, repair the necessary areas or the entire floor. If the floor is cupped, sand it flat, fill if necessary and abrade-screen and recoat. If the sub-floor is plywood over concrete, it is unlikely that the plywood and concrete sub-floor will dry out in a reasonable time. Fully removing the floor down to concrete is usually best in order to allow the slab to dry. In some



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cases, full or partial removal of the floor will accelerate the drying time. In cases where you have determined that the flooring system has not returned to normal levels, do not succumb to pressure from involved parties for a quick fix.

“The best way to prevent problems is to always do the research first or seek professional help. Then problems such as the ones described here can be prevented,” says Allman.

For more information about this experienced and professional hardwood floor restoration and new installation company, or to schedule repairs by these wood floor refinishing contractors, or

learn about custom wood styles or the company’s inlay and medallion installation services, phone Keith Allman at 414-378-2066. Easy estimates and appointments are currently available through the company’s website, <http://royalwoodfloor.com/>. The company provides top craftsmanship and cares for many types of custom and domestic wood. Visit the company’s website for examples of previous work.

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