

Royal Wood Floors Educates Milwaukee Home Owners on Sanding Newly Installed Hard Wood Floor Planks

Milwaukee hard wood floor company helps educate home owners on hard wood floor refinishing and sanding newly installed wood floor planks.

MILWAUKEE, WI, UNITED STATES, March 7, 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". "We feel that by educating the home owner they can be better equipped to tackle a project themselves or will know what to ask and expect when working with professionals", he ends.

Sanding Newly Installed Hard Wood Strip & Plank Floors

You will want to check the moisture content of the wood floor prior to sanding. Sanding and finishing or sealing should occur when the floor has been acclimated to the proper moisture content for normal living conditions for temperature and humidity. If the floor was installed in an adhesive application,



sanding and finishing should occur after the adhesive has cured and the moisture content of the wood has returned to normal. Follow the adhesive manufacturer's recommendations for proper curing time.

When sanding, load the professional sanding machine and edger with the proper sequence of sandpaper. The first cut with the big machine should be at a 7-15 degree angle to the length of the boards, using the finest grit possible that will flatten then floor. (The National Wood Flooring publication Wood Species Used in Wood Flooring includes suggestions on sanding sequences in some of the more difficult to sand species.) When two-thirds of the flooring is complete, turn the sander in the opposite direction and repeat the process on the remaining third. Cuts made on the one-third area must overlap the first cuts by two to three feet to blend the two areas together. To avoid creating a trough, be careful not to stop the sander in the same spot each pass by staggering the overlap every 2-3 passes. After the first cut with the big machine, use an edger to sand edges and other places inaccessible to the sanding machine, using the finest grit possible that will flatten the floor.

The second cut with the big machine should be parallel to the grain, using the next appropriate grit of sand paper, not skipping more than one grit between sanding cuts. After the second cut, use an edger to sand edges and other places inaccessible to the big machine, using the same grit that will be used on the final sanding cut, with the big machine. Fill the floor before the final straight cut. Spot fill beveled edge products: square edge products may be spot or trowel-filled. Use commercial filler or putty that is compatible with the stain and/or finish that will be applied, or make your own filler with dust from the final edging mixed with a compatible mixing agent to form a thick paste. The final sanding cut should be parallel to the grain, using the last sequenced grit, not



skipping more than one grit between sanding cuts. Hand scrape corners, around door jams, and other areas where the edger cannot be used. Apply even pressure, scraping in the direction of the grain.

After scraping, use a sanding block and paper, (same grit as on sanding machine) to blend the flooring. Sanding the bevel with the corner of the block may be necessary on bevel-edged products. Examine for visible edger and sander marks. To prevent dishing out the grain from excessive screening, use a buffer, multi-disk sanding machine or oscillating sander over the entire floor to remove sanding imperfections. This step may not be appropriate for all wood species. Remember that sanding dust is highly flammable. To minimize the risk of spontaneous combustion, never operate the sanding machine when the bag is more than half full.

“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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