



VIENNA WOODS
QUALITY FLOORING CO.

Vienna Woods Care & Maintenance Guide

For Oiled Timber Flooring

UNDERSTANDING OILED FLOORS

Oiled finishes provide a natural, breathable surface that enhances the beauty of timber while allowing it to patina gracefully over time. Unlike lacquer, which sits on top of the wood, oils penetrate into the grain to nourish and protect from within.

There are three main types of oiled flooring:

- **Hardwax Oil:** A blend of natural oils and waxes providing a durable, low-sheen finish with a natural feel.
- **Oxidative Oil:** Traditional penetrating oil that dries by oxidising in the air; offers a warm, rich look but requires more frequent maintenance.
- **UV-Cured Oil:** Cured instantly under UV light during production, giving increased wear resistance with easier long-term care.

Your maintenance routine will depend on the type of oil finish applied.

DAILY & WEEKLY CLEANING

- **Vacuum or sweep daily** with a soft-bristle head to remove grit and prevent scratching.
- **Damp mop weekly** using a well-wrung mop and a FirstFloor-approved cleaning concentrate. Avoid excess water, as standing moisture may stain or damage timber.

ENVIRONMENTAL CARE

- Maintain indoor humidity between **40–60%** and temperature between **16–24 °C**. Fluctuations may cause gaps or surface stress.
- Use **UV protection** (curtains, blinds, or window film) to prevent uneven fading.
- Protect floors in high-traffic areas with breathable mats and felt pads under furniture.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

- **Regular oiling** is essential to preserve the durability and natural look of oiled timber. Frequency depends on traffic, but most homes benefit from reapplication every **12–24 months**.
- For ongoing care, apply **FirstFloor Maintenance Oil** to refresh and protect the surface. This nourishes the timber, enhances colour depth, and strengthens wear resistance.



DIY RE-OILING OPTION

Homeowners who wish to maintain their floor themselves may rent a **FirstFloor buffing machine** ([machine rental available here](#)).

Basic DIY process:

1. Clean the floor thoroughly and allow to dry.
2. Apply a thin, even layer of **FirstFloor Maintenance Oil**.
3. Use the buffing machine to work the oil into the timber, ensuring an even finish.
4. Allow the floor to dry before walking on it (drying time varies by oil type).

PROFESSIONAL MAINTENANCE

For heavily worn areas, or if the surface has dried out significantly, we recommend a **professional re-oil**. This ensures correct application and can extend the life of your floor without the need for sanding.

DIFFERENTIATING CARE BY OIL TYPE

FINISH TYPE	KEY TRAITS	MAINTENANCE NOTES
HARDWAX OIL	Natural matte look, durable, breathable	Reapply FirstFloor Maintenance Oil every 12–36 months; buffing recommended.
OXIDATIVE OIL	Traditional, rich colour, patina forms	More frequent oiling required (approx. every 12–24 months in high-use areas).
UV-CURED OIL	Factory-cured for extra durability	Generally lower maintenance; use FirstFloor Maintenance Oil as required.

SPILL & STAIN MANAGEMENT

- **Wipe spills immediately** to prevent staining or penetration into the timber grain.
- Use a slightly damp cloth with FirstFloor cleaner if required. Avoid harsh chemicals.



QUICK REFERENCE CARE TABLE

FREQUENCY	CARE TASK
DAILY	Vacuum or sweep with a soft-bristle tool.
WEEKLY	Damp mop with diluted FirstFloor cleaner.
EVERY 6–12 MONTHS	Reapply FirstFloor Maintenance Oil to oxidative-oil finishes.
EVERY 12–18 MONTHS	Reapply FirstFloor Maintenance Oil to hardwax oil finishes.
AS REQUIRED	Apply FirstFloor Maintenance Oil to UV-oiled floors if dulling occurs.
DIY OPTION	Rent FirstFloor buffing machine for oil application.
WHEN REQUIRED	Professional re-oil for heavily worn or neglected floors.

With consistent care and the support of **FirstFloor products**, your oiled timber floor will develop a rich character while remaining strong, elegant, and long-lasting.