

Sutherland Welles Ltd.®

Sustainable, natural & earth-friendly Polymerized Tung Oil wood finishes.



Tung Oil Maintenance

Weekly Floor Care

- **Vacuum:** To minimize scratching vacuum regularly to keep the floor grit free.
- **Dust Mop:** Use an oil-prepped all cotton (not synthetic) dust mop. To prep a new mop, use Sutherland Welles Ltd.® Dust and Tacking Oil according to the directions on the label. The new “Swiffer” type of wood floor dusters are fine but avoid using the “wet” version as they will dull the finish.

Floor Care

- **Do:** Wash the floor using a cup of white vinegar to a gallon of warm water. Use a sponge that has been moistened in the vinegar water. Buff the floor dry with a clean soft cloth.
- **Do:** Replace the vinegar with ammonia for stubborn dirt.
- **Do:** Spray WD-40® on a soft, dry cloth to rub off black shoe marks.
- **Don't:** Under no circumstances should any cleaner with a soap base such as Murphy's Oil Soap be used. These cleaners leave a film that will gum the surface of the oil.
- **Don't:** Flood the floor with water when washing.
- **Don't:** Use steam cleaners.

Re-Oiling the Floor

- **When to re-oil:** An oiled floor needs to be re-oiled every 3-4 years depending on traffic patterns and use.
- **Prep:** Wash the floor with TSP (Trisodium Phosphate) available in hardware stores. Follow directions on package.
- **Sand:** Lightly sand with **400-600 grit** sandpaper if there are scratches you want to minimize or eliminate.

Re-Oiling Hand Wiping Instructions

- Apply Original or Botanical in 3 ft wide section. Length of board
- Wait 10-15 min.
- Wipe unabsorbed finish
- Let cure 24 hours

Repeat step if needed.

Re-Oiling Buffing Machine Instructions

- Apply Original or Botanical in 3 ft wide section. Length of board
- Buffing #1: w/steel wool (To avoid splashing buff toward the wall)
- Buffing #2: Change to dry steel wool pad. Re-buff section
- Buffing #3: Change to dry terry towel. Re-buff section
- Repeat for entire floor.
- Let cure 24 hours

Repeat step if needed.