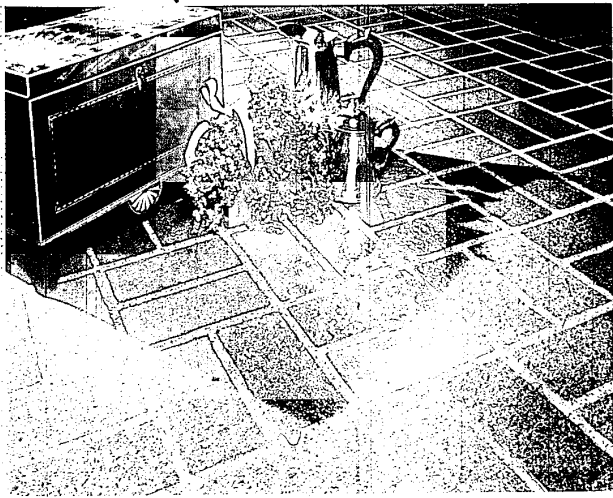


Home & Garden



VINYL FLOOR has the features of genuine brick and a nonporous surface that makes cleaning a snap.

How to strip and wax tile

The Better Floors Council recommends methods for stripping and waxing vinyl asbestos floors.

Stripping floors is necessary to prevent excess wax buildup, which darkens tile. If these accumulated coats become too thick they trap dirt and grime. Stripping once or twice a year is usually enough to prevent this.

Just mop up the floor before applying the wax remover or stripping solution. Spread the solution with a clean mop and let it stand for three or five minutes to take effect. Remove the dirty solution with a clean mop. Then raise the floor thoroughly, being careful not to flood it. Let dry 20 to 30 minutes before repolishing.

This method applies only to the self-polishing and water emulsion waxes.

If you prefer the newer water resistant (resin or polymer) finishes, you should strip after three or four coats have accumulated. Why? Because these water-resistant finishes build up an impermeable film that is so strong it can curl and lift corners or edges of the tile.

The council recommends a stripping solution of one cup ammonia to one bucket (10 quarts) of water containing a mild soap or tile-manufacturer-approved cleaner.

Follow the procedure outlined above.

Polish can be poured directly on a smooth-surface tile, a small amount at a time. But if your vinyl asbestos tile floor has an embossed surface, pour the polish in a shallow pan; then dip a damp, clean sponge mop into the polish and press out excess before applying it to the tile.

Always spread polish as thinly as possible, using long, straight strokes.

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Pressure-treated all wood foundations, now slowly gaining favor across the nation, stop the insects cold.

By LARRESTINE TRIMM
Michigan Department of Agriculture

Michigan harvest days for fresh vegetables are nearing an end, according to marketing officials of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, but you have a few weeks left to enjoy them.

Whether you cook vegetables fresh, can or freeze them for later use, nutritionists say they offer vitamins and minerals essential for a well-balanced diet.

Prepare a winning combination of flavors, colors and textures with Michigan vegetables. Mrs. Lenore Swank, a resident of Cassopolis, did and

brought home \$3,000 in the national 1974 chicken cookoff recently.

Using mushrooms, carrots, onions, wine and poultry, she prepared an economical recipe for Wine-glazed Chicken and Vegetables and placed third among 51 contestants.

To prepare Mrs. Swank's recipe at home for your enjoyment, sprinkle a broiler-fryer chicken, quartered, with a teaspoon of flavor enhancer, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Heat 1/2 cup vegetable oil in skillet over medium heat. Add chicken, brown lightly, then remove.

Mix together two tablespoons flour, a teaspoon sugar, 1/2 teaspoon each of

dry rosemary and thyme, stir into pan drippings to make a smooth paste. Add two tablespoons lemon juice, liquid from a 4-ounce can of mushrooms and 1/2 cup of chicken broth; cook, stirring until it boils. Add 1/2 cup of burgundy wine, 12 small onions, peeled, one pound of small carrots, the mushrooms and chicken. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 30 minutes.

Remove cover, continue cooking over higher heat until fluid is evaporated and chicken and vegetables are coated with thick, rich glaze. Garnish with parsley. Serves four.



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