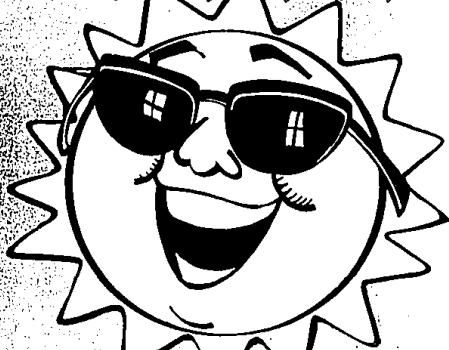


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Murphy's Oil Soap doesn't mix well with polyurethane on wood floors

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q: Sharon asks: We used to clean our wood floors with Murphy's oil. About six months ago we had them refinished with water-based polyurethane. Now the floors are starting to peel. What can we do to slow or stop the peeling? If the floors have to be redone again, how can we prevent this from happening a second time? (We have never used Murphy's on the newly

refinished floor.)
A: The floors are probably peeling because you used Murphy's Oil Soap on a polyurethane finish and/or the existing finish wasn't properly prepared. Many manufacturers of polyurethane products recommend against using Murphy's Oil Soap on their finish. Where you would normally screen (lightly sand) the floor

to prepare it for a fresh coat of finish, because you used Murphy's Oil Soap, you will, unfortunately, need to sand off all the finish down to bare wood.

Then, we suggest that you apply three to five coats of oil-base polyurethane. When it comes to cleaning a hardwood floor with a hard surface finish, a soft cloth dampened slightly with warm water is your best bet.

HIGH HOPES CONTEST

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Submit your entries as follows:

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE NEWSPAPER Use the entry form below for a facsimile provided this newspaper. Entries must be received by Monday, Aug. 26, 2002, 10:00 a.m. in the hands of the newspaper. Clearly print or type the information. Include area code with your telephone number and the best time of day to call if we wish to take photographs. Children should include the age. Your comments about how you care for the plants can also be sent along with the entry. This information may be passed on to our readers when we announce the winners.

There are two categories of winners in this High Hopes Sunflower Contest: The tallest sunflower and the one with the largest seed head (not including the ears of the flower). Growth in the 2002 season through Aug. 26.

1. Sunflower measurement must be taken from soil level to the base of the head where the stem attaches to the flower.
2. Seed head measurement must be taken diagonally across the seed head (not including the rays of the flower).
3. Participants must send the official entry form (or a facsimile) to High Hopes Sunflower Contest, The Eccentric Newspaper, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, AL 35209. To fax call (205) 844-1194. Judges will notify contest finalists to verify height and size.
4. Winners will be announced in the newspaper in September.
5. Employees and families of the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers are not eligible.
6. Decisions of the judges are final.
7. Entrants must live in Oakland or Wayne County to be eligible.
8. Gift certificates from English Gardens will be awarded to the winners - \$15 first place, \$50 second place and \$25 third place. Prizes will be awarded 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at English Gardens, 6370 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, MI.

Winners must appear at awards to claim their prize.

My sunflower height is: _____ My sunflower's seed head is: _____
Name: _____ If Child, include age: _____
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FLOWERS

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longevity, too, says Holland.

For instance, sap shortens flowers' life span, so avoid using pine branches.

Pollen has the same effect, so remove black pods from lily buds before placing in a vase.

While flowering plants need sunlight to grow, buds and blooms dislike rays of sun.

Avoid direct exposure, which causes flowers to wilt and die more quickly.

Strictly abiding the rules of preparation only to find your blooms shrivel up in a flash?

Keep in mind some flower species last longer than others.

The good news for home gardeners: The fresher the flower, from first cut to placement in a vase, the longer it will last.

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