

Experts Give Advice On Wood Floor Care

A well-kept wood floor is a thing of lasting beauty.

The Oak Flooring Institute has a series of standardized recommendations for wood floor care. Everyone is free to enlarge or adapt them, but if the recommendations are followed, the floor will be properly maintained.

APPLYING WAX—This is important to wood floor care. Wax helps protect the floor finish. Use a good wax---it will look better and reduce the need to re wax. Buy either a paste or liquid floor wax. It should have a spirit base, not a water base.

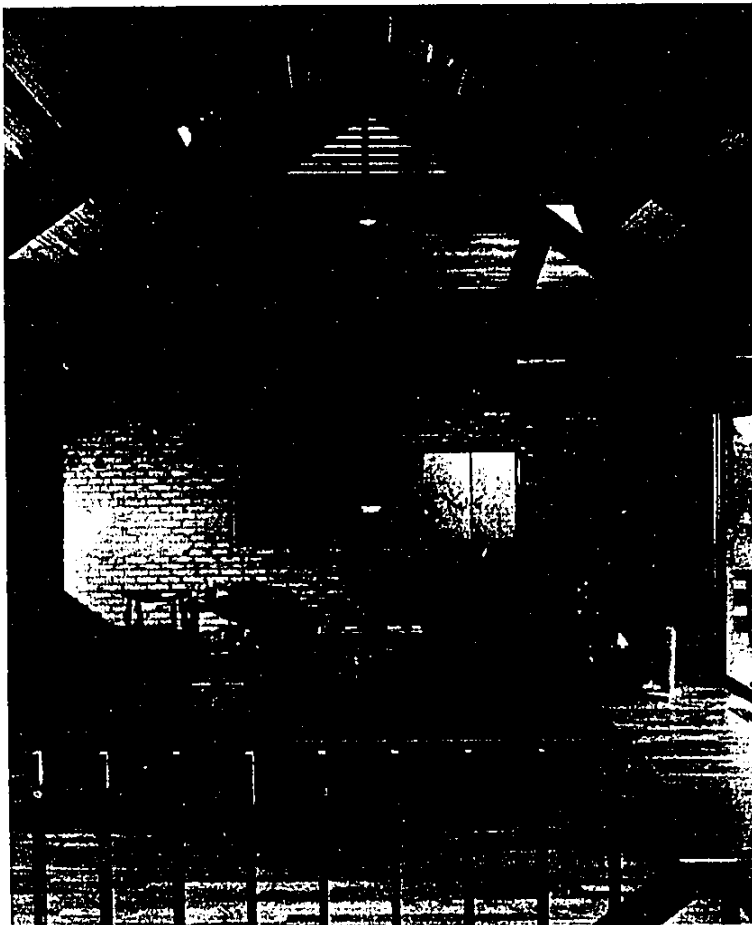
REWAXING—Rewax only as needed. Many housewives re wax too soon. A floor that has been properly waxed with a good quality wax shouldn't need re waxing for at least three months, and per-

haps longer, under ordinary traffic conditions.

DUSTING—Remove dust from the floor by dry mopping as needed. This makes the floor look better and prevents dust and dirt from being ground into the wax.

REMOVING STAINS AND SPILLS—Most can be taken up with a dry cloth. Do this as soon as possible. If a dry cloth won't do the job, use a moistened cloth.

REFINISHING—Under normal traffic conditions, an oak floor won't need refinishing more than once in 10 years. Unless you are a skilled do-it-yourselfer, get a competent contractor to do this job for you. The floor must be sanded smooth, bare and clean, then a new finish must be applied. After that your oak floor will be as good as new for as long as another decade.



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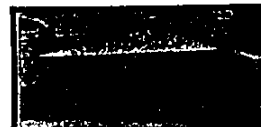
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