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# Luxury Vinyl Flooring Care and Maintenance Guide

## Routine Maintenance

- **Weekly Cleaning:** Sweep or vacuum daily in high-traffic areas to remove loose dirt and dust. Use a soft-bristled broom or a vacuum with the beater bar off.
- **Regular Damp Mopping:** Damp mop weekly with warm water and a pH-neutral vinyl floor cleaner or a few drops of mild dish soap. Use a well-wrung microfiber mop and rinse frequently.
- **No-Rinse Cleaners:** Use no-rinse vinyl floor cleaners for convenience, as they dry without residue.

## Spill & Stain Handling

- **Immediate Action:** Wipe up spills promptly to prevent seeping into seams or affecting the subfloor. For oil-based stains, use a dilute bleach solution or mineral spirits, applied with a cloth, followed by thorough rinsing.
- **Sticky Substances:** Use mineral spirits or acetone-based nail polish remover for adhesive residues, applied sparingly on a cloth.

## Deep Cleaning

- **Periodic Deep Cleaning:** Deep clean twice a year using a stronger solution of vinyl floor cleaner or a vinegar-water mix. Mop in sections, rinse with clean water, and dry thoroughly.
- **Machine Cleaning:** Use home-grade floor cleaning machines for large or heavily soiled areas, ensuring they are safe for vinyl.

## Climate & Environmental Considerations

- **Temperature:** Keep temperatures between 50-95°F to avoid brittleness or discoloration.
- **Humidity:** Vinyl is largely unaffected by humidity, but maintain 50% relative humidity in basements to prevent subfloor issues.
- **Chemical Environment:** Avoid prolonged contact with petroleum-based products or rubber compounds that can stain.

## Preventive Care Strategies

- **Furniture Protection:** Use felt pads or wide coasters under heavy furniture. Use soft casters for rolling chairs and protective mats under desks.
- **Avoid Sharp Impacts:** Use cutting boards and area mats in workspaces to prevent gouges.
- **Sunlight Mitigation:** Use window treatments to prevent UV damage and excessive heat.

## Common Mistakes to Avoid

- **Using Wrong Cleaning Products:** Avoid abrasive, acidic, or waxy cleaners. Stick to neutral pH cleaners.
- **Overconfidence in Waterproof Feature:** Control water use to prevent damage to substructures.
- **Not Addressing Small Issues:** Fix loose plank edges or seams promptly to prevent further damage.