



## Parquet care and cleaning your sealed parquet

**1. Vacuum the floor.** Vacuuming is a good first step for clearing your floors. Since parquet floors are patterned by different sizes of wood, vacuuming can reach the dirt between the cracks. The vacuum also loosens the dirt to be scrubbed more thoroughly later.

**2. Sweep the parquet floor.** Use a dust specific dry mop. Certain dry mops even have special tissues especially for wood floors or parquet floors. Sweeping is important to get all the bits of dirt that the vacuum missed.

**3. Mop the floors with a special cleaner for sealed parquet (“versiegelt”)**

**Never use all-purpose cleaners (Mr. Proper) containing ammonia. Never use a steam cleaner!** The key to mopping the floors, regardless of a cleaner, is to use a minimal amount of water. Follow the instructions if you purchased a commercial cleaner for parquet, and make sure you dilute the cleaner with the proper amount of water. Soak the mop with the cleaner water, and then spend a good bit of time draining the mop.

- **Water is an enemy to the health of wood floors. Use as little as you can!**

**4. Protect heavy trafficked areas.** Get an area rug or a rug runner for places where there will be heavy foot traffic or in the kitchen area. When selecting a rug, you should also get a rug stopper, to prevent the rug from scrunching up.<sup>[4]</sup>

- Keep a rug near the door to prevent excessive dirt to be tracked onto the floor.
- Consider getting an outdoor rug to wipe your shoes off before entering the house.

**5. Spot clean when necessary.** If something spills onto the floors, you should take a moment to clean it up right away. Instead of waiting for your next day off to clean the floors, do a spot clean to ensure nothing stains. The best way to clean something like spilled food or liquid is with a damp cloth.