## <u>Laminate Flooring Owner Maintenance</u>

## Responsibility toward your investment

- Regularly vacuum or dust your floor. Daily for owners with children and pets, and less frequently for adult only owners.
- Use mats at entrances to trap moisture and grit which otherwise can damage & prematurely wear the surface - clean regularly.
- ❖ Periodically clean the floor using mop and spray cleaner combination packages we stock in the store (Bona). Be careful if using "grocery store" spray & mop products as they may not meet the requirements. Avoid furniture oil products.
- ❖ Felt floor protectors must be installed on furniture legs to prevent furniture from scratching the floor. These must be replaced annually, as they become compressed and hard or dirty.
- Wipe up spills promptly, using absorbent cloth or paper towel.
- Avoid wearing stiletto-healed shoes on the floor as they can cause indentation.
- ❖ If "cleaning services" are employed to clean, ensure proper instruction is given as above – monitor their activities. Do not expect them to know what to do.
- ❖ Ensure that consistent relative humidity within the home is maintained within the range of 30 − 50 % using a functioning good quality humidifier or de-humidifier as necessary.
- ❖ Validity of manufactures warranties depends on homeowners' adherence to maintenance recommendations. The condition of laminate flooring will reveal how it has been treated and maintained. <a href="Incorrect or insufficient maintenance may void warranties">Incorrect or insufficient maintenance may void warranties</a> such as <a href="having insufficient humidity for two weeks or more at anytime after installation.">having insufficient humidity for two weeks or more at anytime after installation.</a>
- ❖ If inadequate relative humidity occurs, bring it back slowly to avoid damaging your floor. As a general rule of thumb, increase or decrease relative humidity at a maximum of 5% per week.