



STEPS TO TAKE WHEN REFLOORING

Are you replacing the floor in your home or business? Whether you're installing rigid core luxury vinyl tile, luxury vinyl plank or any other type of flooring, there are some preparation steps that can make the process a lot easier for you and your installer. Steps you take to reduce installation time can help keep labor costs low and potentially lead to better flooring results.



SCHEDULE REFLOORING LAST IF YOU'RE REMODELING

There are several important reasons why you should install the floors last in any remodel. Remodeling requires a lot of traffic, work boots and dust, all of which can scuff up new flooring. Many remodeling projects also involve painting, and the last thing you want is for paint to drip on a new floor. If you end up changing the layout of a room or the placement of counters and appliances, it may impact how much flooring you need.

REMOVE FURNITURE AND CLEAR THE AREA

Flooring replacement or installation requires a room to be entirely empty. Most flooring contractors would prefer not to do this job or will charge you extra for the convenience. If you want to minimize the cost of your flooring installation and ensure your possessions or furniture aren't damaged during a hasty room-emptying process, it's in your best interest to empty the areas (and closets) being floored ahead of time.





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MEASURE FLOORING CLEARANCE AND MODIFY DOORS, DOOR JAMBS AND BASEBOARDS AHEAD OF TIME

It will be a lot easier to make these modifications before the new flooring is in place. You may want to remove a room's baseboards before taking up the existing flooring. Trim the bottom of doors or doorjams as needed to accommodate flooring height after old flooring has been removed but before the new flooring has been installed.

Baseboards can easily be trimmed or moved up or down on the wall depending on how the new flooring's height compares to the old flooring's height.

DESIGNATE AN ACCLIMATION AND STORAGE SPACE

Many types of flooring, including LVT and LVP, should be acclimated to a room's interior temperature and humidity prior to installation. Depending on how big a space you need to floor, you could end up with a lot of boxes and tools stacked in your home or business. Designating an accessible space for storage and acclimation can be beneficial.





CLOSE OFF OTHER ROOMS

How important this step is or to what extent you need to tape up entrances to other rooms depends on the flooring job. One of the good things about luxury vinyl flooring installation is that it's not a particularly messy process. It doesn't generate potentially dangerous and messy sawdust or silica dust.

Simply shutting doors might not be enough to create a dust-free barrier. It doesn't take long to tape painters plastic over doorways to isolate parts of your home from the mess.

HAVE A PLAN FOR CHILDREN AND PETS

Children and pets getting underfoot can delay the flooring installation process. Depending on the type of flooring, installation may be disruptive or frightening for animals or infants (for instance, if tile saws will need to be used frequently). It's likely a good idea to find somewhere else for them to stay on installation day, or at least make sure they aren't getting in the way of flooring installers.



CHOOSE THE BEST FLOORING FOR YOUR PROJECT

While every flooring is appropriate for specific environments, few are the right choice for nearly any room, whether it's in a home or a business. Luxury vinyl tile and plank is one of the extremely rare flooring materials that can be installed in virtually any room. Whether it's a bathroom that's subject to water on the surface, a bedroom that needs comfortable, quiet flooring, a foyer, a bathroom, a living room – even a basement, luxury vinyl flooring is a great choice.

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