

Step 1: PREPARATION

- Remove all movable furniture from the room.
- Sweep or vacuum the floor to remove any loose dirt/debris.
- Cover non-movable fixtures (i.e. baseboards, planters) with waterproof coverings.
- Set up "wet floor" signs at all entry points to the room.

Step 2: APPLY STRIPPING SOLUTION

Mix the Stripping Solution

- Combine stripping solution with the right amount of water (according to the manufacturer's instructions).
- Stir the mixture until it's well combined.

Apply the Solution

- Dip your mop into the stripping solution and evenly apply it to a small section of the floor.
- Try to work in roughly 10x10 foot areas at a time.
- Apply the solution evenly over a small section of the floor, making sure the floor is wet but not flooded.

Let the Solution Sit

- Allow the solution to sit for the amount of time specified in the product's instructions. This typically ranges from 5 to 15 minutes.

Step 3: REMOVING THE OLD WAX (STRIPPING THE FLOOR)

Scrub the Floor

- Use a low-speed (175 RPM) floor machine fitted with a black stripping pad or Tynex stripping brush to scrub the area where you applied the stripping solution
- Be thorough to ensure all old wax and dirt gets loosened.
- If there is a build-up of wax, go over the area with multiple passes.

EQUIPMENT:

- Low-speed floor machine (buffer) with pad driver
- Floor stripping pads / brush for machine (black)
- Doodle pad or scrub brush for corners & edges
- Air movers / fan (optional)
- Wet-dry vacuum
- Floor machine weights (optional)
- Mop bucket & wringer
- Mop(s) - separate ones for stripper and wax application
- Slip-resistant, rubber-soled shoes
- Protective gloves
- Safety goggles
- "Wet Floor" Signs

SUPPLIES:

- Floor stripper solution
- Floor finish / wax
- Floor neutralizer
- Clean water for rinsing
- Protective coverings (i.e. plastic sheeting / waterproof tape) for baseboards, planters, etc.
- Garbage bags / containers for waste disposal
- Clean, dry rags or towels

Vacuum Up the Solution

- Once you've scrubbed the floor, use a wet-dry vacuum or an auto scrubber to remove the stripping solution and loosened old wax/dirt.
- Be sure to cover the entire area to ensure complete removal.

Rinse the Area

- After vacuuming, rinse the area with clean water using a mop.
- Use the wet-dry vacuum again to remove the water and any remaining solution.

Step 4: **NEUTRALIZING THE FLOOR**

Prepare the Neutralizing Solution

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for preparing the neutralizing solution. The solution is typically mixed with water in a specified ratio.

Mop the Floor

- Dampen a mop with the neutralizing solution and thoroughly mop the entire floor.
- Be sure to wring out any excess solution to avoid over-saturating the floor.

Allow the Floor to Dry

- Let the floor dry completely before moving on to the waxing step. This could take several hours, depending on the room's humidity and ventilation. Fans or dehumidifiers can be used to speed up the drying process in humid conditions.

Step 5: **WAXING THE FLOOR**

Prepare the Wax

- Choose a high-quality floor wax suitable for your floor type.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions to prepare the wax if necessary.

Apply the Wax

- Start at the farthest corner of the room and work your way towards the exit to avoid walking on the newly waxed floor.

- Use a wax applicator mop to spread a thin, even layer of wax across the floor.
- Allow each layer to dry completely before applying the next. Generally, 2-5 layers are recommended for a long-lasting finish.

Allow the Wax to Dry

- Give each layer of wax enough time to dry completely. The drying time can vary based on the type of wax and environmental conditions.

Step 6: **AFTERCARE & CLEAN-UP**

Clean Your Tools & Equipment

- Clean your tools according to the manufacturer's instructions. This often involves rinsing mops and scrubbing pads in warm soapy water.
- Wipe down the wheels of your floor machine, auto scrubber and vacuum to ensure that no residue remains.
- Be sure to empty and rinse the vacuum tank, and leave the filters to air dry to prevent unpleasant odors.

Dispose of Used Materials

- Dispose of used materials according to local regulations, ensuring safety and environmental responsibility.

Maintain the Newly Waxed Floor

- Avoid walking on the newly waxed floor for at least a few hours, or according to the wax manufacturer's instructions.
- Clean the floor regularly using products safe for waxed floors.
- Consider placing mats at entrances to reduce the amount of dirt tracked onto the floor.