



Helpful Household Ideas **Spotless Floor Shortcut**

(NAPSA)—It's easy to see that hard-surface flooring has become increasingly popular. This fact may floor you: According to the Freedonia Group, an industrial research firm, the country currently has nearly 12 billion square feet of it.

There are several major kinds of hard floors: wood, laminates, vinyl, ceramic, porcelain and quarry tile, natural stone floors and clay tiles.



When you get down to it, a hard-surface floor is easy to care for.

To help you protect and preserve your hard-surface floors, the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) offers these tips:

Use Entry Mats: Eighty to 90 percent of soil on floors is tracked in from outside.

Remove Dry Soil Often: Vacuuming is the most efficient way.

Wet Clean Regularly: Use a neutral floor cleaner or one formulated for the particular floor surface. When cleaning wood floors, keep moisture to a minimum.

For more “how to clean” tips, call an IICRC Certified Floor Care Technician. Find one at www.CertifiedCleaners.org or (800) 835-4624.