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LAMINATE FLOORING MAINTENANCE GUIDE

Laminate flooring is a durable and hygienic choice for modern Irish homes. To ensure your floor maintains its vibrant appearance and remains structurally sound for years to come, it is vital to use the correct cleaning agents and tools. Unlike real wood, laminate cannot be sanded down if damaged, making preventative care essential.

1. Daily Cleaning: Pallmann Clean

For routine removal of dirt, grease, and shoe marks, we recommend using a pH-neutral cleaner. Standard household detergents can often be too acidic or alkaline, which can leave a sticky residue or "cloud" the wear layer of your laminate.

- **Pallmann Clean:** A highly concentrated, water-based cleaner. Mix approximately 50ml in 5 litres of water.
- **Preparation:** Always sweep or vacuum your floor with a soft brush attachment before mopping to remove grit that could scratch the surface.

The Dada Spin Mop Advantage:

The most common cause of laminate floor failure is "edge swelling" caused by excessive water. Laminate joints are vulnerable to moisture. The **Dada Spin Mop** is the gold standard for laminate care; its centrifugal spin system allows you to wring the mop until it is **barely damp**. This ensures the surface is cleaned without water seeping into the core of the boards.

2. Surface Refresh: Pallmann Finish Care

Even the hardest-wearing laminate can benefit from a periodic refresh. **Pallmann Finish Care** acts as a dirt-repellent protective film.

- **Frequency:** Use every 3–6 months to rejuvenate the floor's appearance.
- **Method:** After cleaning with Pallmann Clean, apply a thin, even coat of diluted Finish Care to help bridge micro-scratches and provide a subtle, protective sheen.

⚠️ NEVER USE STEAM CLEANERS

Under no circumstances should you use a steam cleaner on laminate flooring. The intense, high-pressure heat forces moisture directly into the HDF core and through the joints. This results in irreversible "peaking" where the edges of the boards lift and bubble. **Damage caused by steam cleaners is not covered by any manufacturer warranty.**

3. Preventative Protection

- **Furniture Pads:** Apply heavy-duty felt pads to all furniture legs. For heavy items like dining tables and sofas, check these pads every few months as they can collect grit over time.
- **Entrance Mats:** Place quality walk-off mats at all external doors to trap grit, salt, and moisture before they reach your floor.
- **Spills:** Wipe up spills immediately using a dry cloth or a slightly damp microfibre towel.

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