



VIVIDCOZY

Peel & Stick Vinyl Floors Maintenance Manual

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Getting Started with LVT Maintenance: Self-adhesive luxury vinyl tile (LVT) is a stylish and practical flooring solution — but it needs proper care to maintain its beauty. This guide offers step-by-step cleaning instructions, product recommendations, and prevention tips. For best results, save this document and refer to it monthly.

Section 1: Daily & Weekly Cleaning Routine

Daily Maintenance

- Sweep or vacuum daily using a soft-head vacuum (e.g., Dyson V11) or a dry microfiber mop (e.g., Swiffer).
- Remove pet hair, sand, grit, and loose debris — especially near entryways.
- Wipe up spills immediately with a soft cloth or paper towel.
- Avoid letting liquids pool — this may weaken adhesive over time.
- Avoid daily wet mopping — excess moisture can seep into seams over time. Stick to dry sweeping daily and damp mopping weekly.
- Dilute cleaners at 1 cap (1 oz) per gallon (3.8L) of water — over-concentration may damage the wear layer.
- Use HEPA-filter vacuums (e.g., Dyson V11 with HEPA filter) to trap allergens like pet dander and dust mites.

Weekly/Biweekly Deep Cleaning

- Use a damp mop with a vinyl-safe neutral pH cleaner (e.g., Bona Stone, Tile & Laminate Cleaner or Zep pH-Neutral Floor Cleaner).
- Do not flood the floor. Mop should be wrung out to be slightly damp.
- Avoid steam mops, bleach, ammonia, vinegar, or abrasive pads.
- Note: Use pH-neutral cleaners (pH 7–9) to avoid chemical degradation of the wear layer. Always dilute according to manufacturer instructions (typically 1 cap per gallon of water).
- For pet households, use a vacuum with a soft roller head (e.g., Dyson V11 Animal model) to effectively capture hair without scratching.
- For households with a lot of pet hair, we recommend the Dyson V11 Animal model. Its powerful suction and specialized hair – cleaning design can clean more efficiently. For small apartments or users who value portability, the Tineco A11 Cyclone handheld wireless vacuum cleaner is a great choice. It is lightweight and flexible, making local cleaning a breeze.
- For daily sweeping, the Dyson V11 Animal is highly recommended, especially for households with a significant amount of pet hair. Its efficient hair – cleaning function ensures a clean and tidy floor. If you live in a small – sized space, the Tineco A11 Cyclone handheld wireless vacuum cleaner is an excellent option. Its light weight and portability allow for easy and convenient spot cleaning at any time.

Installation vs Maintenance Tips:

Proper installation (e.g., subfloor flatness $\leq 1/4"$ in 6ft) directly impacts maintenance ease. For issues like lifting, check subfloor moisture first (see VividCozy Installation Manual for prep guidelines).

Post-Installation Note: Wait 48 hours before wet cleaning new floors to allow adhesive to cure fully. For glue-down installations, avoid heavy traffic for 72 hours.

For glue-down LVT over non-porous substrates, allow up to 5 days before mopping. Ensure the area is well-ventilated to support adhesive curing.

Section 2: Monthly Maintenance & Shine Restoration

Note: Inspect the floor at least once a month. Pay special attention to areas such as doorways, regions where furniture is frequently moved, and moisture – prone areas like kitchens and bathrooms.

- To restore gloss, use Rejuvenate Floor Restorer or Pledge FloorCare Multi-Surface Finish.
- Test on a small inconspicuous area first.
- Reapply every 3–6 months based on traffic volume.
- For static control or dust reduction, lightly mist Static Guard and dry mop.
- Limit high-gloss finishes to once every 6 months – over-application can create a sticky buildup.

In high-traffic areas (e.g., entryways), increase deep cleaning to biweekly during winter/summer when outdoor debris is frequent.

Section 3: Annual Deep Care

Strip & Refinish (Optional)

- Use Zep Floor Stripper for buildup removal.
- Recoat with a vinyl-safe finish like Rejuvenate High Gloss Vinyl Finish.
- Do not wax the floor — traditional waxes will leave residue.

Edge & Seam Check

- Inspect edges and corners for lifting.
- Use LVT-safe glue (e.g., Gorilla Glue Clear or Mapei LVT Adhesive) and apply weight overnight if needed.
- Use Mapei LVT Adhesive for permanent repairs; Gorilla Glue for temporary fixes on lightweight furniture.

Section 4: What NOT to Use

⚠ Never use these on your LVT! Steam mops, bleach, and abrasive pads can ruin the finish and void your warranty.

Product	Reason
Bleach / Ammonia	May discolor surface or weaken adhesive
Steam Mop	Heat softens adhesive and may cause bubbling
Vinegar / Acidic Cleaners	Can strip finish and damage top layer
Abrasive Scrub Pads	Scratches surface, removes protective layer
Rubber-backed rugs	May stain vinyl with chemical reaction
Solvent Cleaners	Dissolves adhesive layer <i>Solvent Cleaners (e.g., paint thinners) dissolve the PVC-adhesive bond. Use water-based alternatives only</i>
Oil-Based Soaps	Leaves sticky residue

- Additional Products to Avoid:
- Steam Mops: High heat can soften the adhesive and lead to bubbling or lifting.
- Cleaners with Ammonia or Bleach: May discolor or degrade the wear layer.
- Acidic Cleaners (e.g., vinegar or lemon-based): Prolonged use can corrode the surface and dull the finish.
- Abrasive Cleaners or Steel Wool: Can scratch and permanently damage the protective top layer.
- Recommended Green Cleaners: Look for EPA Safer Choice-certified products like Zep Neutral pH Cleaner or Rejuvenate, which are low-VOC and safe for pets/kids.

Section 5: Special Stain & Spot Cleaning

Act within 5–10 minutes for fresh spills to prevent deep penetration. Old stains may require repeated treatments.

Grease / Oil

- Blot excess immediately
- Clean with diluted dish soap and warm water
- Rinse with clean water and dry

Ink / Marker / Paint / Nail Polish

- Use diluted isopropyl alcohol
- For stubborn spots, gently rub with Magic Eraser
- Dab gently with a soft white cloth soaked in mineral spirits. Avoid metal scrapers that may scratch the wear layer.

Pet Accidents

- Remove solids, blot urine
- Clean with Nature's Miracle Hard Floor Cleaner
- Rinse and dry immediately
- For urine stains, follow with a solution of 1 part hydrogen peroxide (3%) + 1 part water to neutralize odor

Beverage / Food / Blood / Urine

- Wipe up with damp cloth and pH-neutral cleaner
- For dried stains, apply soft brush + soapy water
- Clean with a pH-neutral cleaner, then rinse with clean water. Do not use chlorine bleach — it may damage the vinyl surface.

Gum / Crayon / Wax

- Harden with ice, gently scrape off with plastic scraper
- Wipe residue with damp cloth

Red wine stains

- Blot immediately with a white cloth to absorb excess liquid.
- Mix 1:1 white vinegar and water, gently dab the stain (do not rub).

- Rinse with clean water and dry thoroughly.

Section 6: Furniture, Pets & Protection

Furniture Movement

- Always lift, never drag heavy items
- Use felt pads on all legs (e.g., Slipstick, SuperSliders)
- Use wide castors or furniture coasters under heavy appliances
- Secure heavy furniture with felt pads (≥ 1.5 " diameter) or rubber-backed glides. For sofas, use #8 x 2-1/2" screws to fasten loose legs to subfloor if needed.
- For sofas or heavy cabinets, secure loose legs to the subfloor with #8 x 2-1/2" deck screws (ASTM F1257 compliant) every 12 inches along the frame.
- For wooden furniture, it is recommended to use thick felt pads. Their soft texture can effectively cushion pressure without causing damage to the wooden furniture.
- For metal furniture, rubber – based protective pads are more suitable as they offer better anti – slip performance, preventing the metal furniture from scratching the floor during movement.
- Additionally, inspect the protective pads every 3 – 6 months for wear and tear. Replace them immediately if significant wear or deformation is detected.

Pet-Friendly Tips

- Trim pet nails monthly to prevent surface scratches
- Use waterproof feeding mats (avoid rubber-backed)
- Place area rugs in play zones
- Use PVC-free, non-slip feeding mats (e.g., PetFusion brand) to prevent chemical reactions with the floor. Trim pet nails monthly with guillotine-style clippers to avoid deep scratches.

Kid's Play Area Tips:

- Use foam playmats with non-slip, vinyl-safe backing.
- Avoid toys with rough plastic edges – opt for soft-edge building blocks.

Entryway Protection

- Use coir mats outdoors and fabric mats indoors
- Clean mats regularly to prevent transfer of dirt and sand

- During parties, place temporary carpet runners (non-rubber backed) in high-traffic areas to protect against heel marks and spills.

Tips:

- Avoid dragging heavy or sharp objects directly on the floor to prevent scratches or dents. A user once moved an office desk and chair without using furniture sliders. Directly dragging the chair with sharp metal feet resulted in obvious scratches on the floor surface, severely affecting the overall appearance. To avoid such situations, always lift heavy or sharp – edged objects or use professional furniture moving tools when moving them. In hot and humid environments, use a dehumidifier to maintain indoor relative humidity between 40% and 65%, which helps preserve the adhesive strength.
- Avoid placing rubber-backed rugs directly on the flooring, as the chemical reaction between the rubber and vinyl may cause discoloration or adhesive failure.

Section 7: Regional & Climate Care

Region	Tips
Texas / Southwest	Draw curtains mid-day to reduce UV fading
Florida / Gulf	Use dehumidifiers to prevent adhesive weakening
Northern US	Sweep salt residue during winter to avoid scratches
Coastal	Sweep sand daily and use door mats on both sides <i>Sweep sand DAILY and rinse mats weekly with fresh water to remove salt residue (corrosive to adhesives)</i>
Florida/Gulf Coast	<i>Maintain RH \leq60% with dehumidifiers to prevent adhesive degradation.</i>
Southern U.S.	Install a 6-mil vapor barrier under concrete to prevent moisture-related lifting."
Northern U.S.	<i>Use calcium chloride instead of rock salt for deicing to avoid floor abrasion.</i>
High Altitude	Use humidifiers in winter to prevent static and floor contraction.

Universal Tip:

- Maintain indoor temperature between 60–85°F (16–29°C) and RH 40–65% year-round for optimal flooring performance. In seasonal spaces without HVAC, ensure temperatures never drop below -13°F (-25°C) or exceed 155°F (68°C) to prevent

adhesive degradation. In humid southern regions, such as Florida, use a dehumidifier in summer to keep the humidity below 60% and prevent the floor from expanding or deforming due to excessive humidity. In cold northern regions, pay attention to the dry air caused by indoor heating in winter.

- Prolonged direct sunlight can cause the LVT floor to fade and affect its appearance. It is recommended to install curtains, blinds, or sun – blocking films on windows to block UV rays. Especially for windows facing south or west, which receive long – term and intense sunlight, stronger protective measures should be taken. As shown in the picture on the left, the floor that has not been protected from light has significantly faded after long – term sunlight exposure.

Section 8: Room-Specific Advice

Kitchen

- Use anti-fatigue mats (fabric-backed)
- Clean up oil and food splashes promptly

Bathroom

- Use absorbent mats outside shower/tub
- Seal perimeter edges with clear silicone

Laundry Room

- Avoid puddles from machines
- Level washers to prevent vibration damage
- Place a moisture-resistant mat under washing machines and ensure they are leveled with a spirit level to prevent vibration-induced adhesive wear.

Entryway / Mudroom

- Use double mats
- Vacuum frequently to remove tracked debris

Basement

- Use dehumidifier
- Inspect seams quarterly

Section 9: Damage Prevention & Minor Repairs

Issue	Solution
Surface Scuffs	Magic Eraser or diluted pH cleaner
Minor Scratches	Rejuvenate Scratch Repair Marker
Cloudy Finish	Clean with diluted dish soap and water
Lifted Corners	Apply LVT adhesive and roll with heavy object overnight
Dull Zones	Apply high-gloss finish and buff with microfiber
Bubbles	1. Insert syringe with DAP Alex Plus adhesive into the bubble. 2. Press and roll with a <i>Roberts 20-008 100-lb roller (model-specific for even pressure)</i> in cross directions for 10 seconds per section.
Lifted Edges	1. Clean with isopropyl alcohol. 2. Apply 3M Double-Sided Carpet Tape and re-roll.

For lifted edges:

1. Clean the subfloor with isopropyl alcohol.
2. Apply a thin bead of LVT adhesive.
3. Press down with a Roberts 20-008 100-lb roller or heavy book for 24 hours.

Apply Gorilla Glue Clear in a 1/8" bead along the subfloor, press with a 100-lb Roberts roller (model 20-008) for 10 seconds per section.

Note: Inspect the floor at least once a month. Pay special attention to areas such as doorways, regions where furniture is frequently moved, and moisture – prone areas like kitchens and bathrooms. During the inspection, carefully check for minor scratches and wear on the floor surface, whether the gaps between the tiles have widened or cracked, and whether there is any looseness at the junctions between the floor and corners, thresholds, etc. If any problems are found, record them promptly and take corresponding repair measures.

Note: When minor scratches are found, first clean the scratched area to remove surface dust and dirt. Then, select a filler that closely matches the floor color and apply it evenly to the scratch. Use a small putty knife or a credit card to smooth it out so that it is flush with the floor surface. After the filler has dried, gently sand it with fine – grit sandpaper to make the repaired area smooth and consistent with the surrounding floor surface. Note that when choosing a filler, ensure its reliable quality and compatibility with the floor material to avoid discoloration or peeling. You can also click on the video link below to watch a simple repair operation video for a more intuitive learning experience.

When using a 100-lb roller, apply 10 psi pressure in cross directions (lengthwise + widthwise) for 10 seconds per section.

Commercial Use:

Increase seam inspections to monthly. Use heavy-duty castors (e.g., 3M Heavy Duty Furniture Movers) for rolling equipment.

Section 10: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q1: Can I use a steam mop?

A: No. It can damage adhesives and void the warranty.

Q2: Why does my floor look cloudy after mopping?

A: Cleaner residue. Use a no-rinse product and avoid excessive water.

Q3: What if the corner of a tile lifts?

A: Clean underneath, reapply LVT adhesive, and weight down overnight.

Q4: Can I wax LVT flooring?

A: No. Use only vinyl-safe gloss restorers.

Q5: My floor has an odor. What should I do?

A: Ventilate room for 24–48 hrs; clean surface with neutral cleaner. Persistent odor may need underfloor inspection.

Q6: Can LVT be used in sunrooms or near patio doors?

A: Yes, with UV curtains and proper expansion gap left unblocked.

Q7: Can I use carpet tape on LVT?

A: No — rubber-based carpet tape may stain the surface. Use 3M Double-Sided Vinyl Tape (e.g., 3M 467MP) for temporary fixes.

CA Prop 65 Compliance:

This product contains no chemicals listed as carcinogens by the State of California. For full details, visit vividcozyhome.shop/prop65. VividCozy LVT is certified to CA Prop 65 and FloorScore® for low VOC emissions (<50g/L). Always wear 3M 8210 N95 masks during cutting/grinding to comply with OSHA silica dust standards

Environmental Disposal: Dispose of old LVT tiles at certified recycling centers. Avoid landfilling – check local regulations for PVC recycling programs.

Section 11: Recommended Tools & Products**

Task	Product	Where to Buy
Daily Sweeping	Dyson V11 / Swiffer with soft roller Swiffer Sweeper Heavy Duty	Amazon/ Home Depot
Wet Mopping	Bona pH-Neutral Cleaner	Lowe's
Stain Removal	Mr. Clean Magic Eraser	Walmart
Edge Repair	Gorilla Glue Clear	Amazon
Annual Polish	Rejuvenate High Gloss Finish	Home Depot
Pet Accidents	Nature's Miracle Hard Floor Cleaner	Chewy
Heavy-Duty Rolling	Roberts 20-008 100-lb roller	<i>Home Depot</i>
Edge Protection	3M ScotchBlue Edge Lock Tape	<i>Amazon</i>
Deep Cleaning	Tennant T380AM buffer	Home Depot Rental
large or commercial areas	Use a rotary machine (175–350 RPM) with a 3M red pad for deep cleaning. Avoid brown/black pads. Auto-scrubbers with neutral cleaner are also effective.	

Light cleaning and buffing	White Pad	
Medium cleaning and shine buffing	Red Pad	
Daily dry mopping	Microfiber	
Dust and sand removal	AstroTurf Pad	

- **For daily cleaning**, use a soft-bristle vacuum (such as Dyson V11) or a dry microfiber mop (such as Swiffer). Avoid vacuums with rotating brush heads, as they may scratch the surface.
- **For deep cleaning**, a low-speed rotary scrubber (175 RPM) with a white or red pad can be used for gentle, effective cleaning. Avoid high-abrasion pads.

Section 12: Glossary of Installation Terms

Term	Definition
RH (Relative Humidity)	The percentage of moisture in the air, ideally maintained at 40–65% for LVT longevity.
pH-Neutral Cleaner	A cleaning product with a pH level between 7 and 9 that does not harm the protective wear layer of vinyl flooring.
Wear Layer	The transparent top layer of LVT flooring that protects against scratches, stains, and wear.
Expansion Gap	A small space (typically 1/4") left between the flooring and walls to accommodate material expansion.
Magic Eraser	A non-abrasive melamine foam pad used for surface scuff removal on vinyl floors.
HEPA Filter	High-Efficiency Particulate Air filter that traps dust, allergens, and fine particles, used in vacuums.
Adhesive Curing	The process by which floor adhesive sets fully; requires 24–72 hours without wet cleaning or heavy traffic.
Static Guard	A spray product that reduces static electricity buildup on vinyl surfaces.
Lippage	Vertical displacement between the edges of adjacent tiles or planks. Ideally kept below 1.0 mm.

100-lb Roller	A heavy roller used during LVT installation or repairs to ensure even pressure and proper adhesion.
Felt Pads	Protective pads placed under furniture to reduce impact and scratching on LVT flooring.
Vapor Barrier	A 6-mil polyethylene film used under vinyl flooring to block moisture from subfloors, especially concrete.
Subfloor	The surface beneath the flooring material that must be flat, clean, and dry for successful installation.
Double-Sided Vinyl Tape	Tape specifically formulated for LVT; safe for temporary edge repairs without staining.
Silicone Sealant	Clear waterproof caulk used to seal perimeter edges in wet areas like bathrooms and kitchens.

- Final Tips for Long-Term Performance
- Patch-test new products in hidden spots
- Keep a cleaning log for high-traffic zones
- Replace worn felt pads every 3–6 months
- Daily care prevents 80% of long-term issues
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Section 13: Product Compatibility & Safety Notes

- Compatible underlayment: ROBERTS ThermalPad, EcoSilence
- Adhesive safety note: Avoid using over waxed or oily subfloors
- Suitable for radiant heating: Yes, max surface temp 85°F (30°C)

Disclaimer Addition:

Always follow local building codes and consult licensed professionals for installation and repair involving structural subfloors, radiant heating, or flood-damaged areas.

All product recommendations are based on manufacturer testing and general use cases. Always follow individual product labels and consult professionals for special environments.

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