



Painting Fundamental - 4

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Flooring Materials: Wood, Vinyl, Tile, Stone, Laminate

Note: This Fundamental does not necessarily apply to work requiring EPA RRP Rule Standards

Procedure Steps:

1. Perform pre-existing condition inspection. Document, photograph and communicate per company guidelines.
2. Remove area rugs.
3. Vacuum first (especially with wood).
4. Decide on appropriate covering: Depending on the extent of the work and the level of protection needed.
 - a. Masonite, luan, plywood, chip or strand board (for heavy traffic/construction)
 - b. Various specialty floor protection roll materials, some with reinforcement and water-proof barriers such as:
 - i. Clean and Safe (Brand)
 - ii. Drop Cloths, Red Rosin, Building Paper
 - iii. Builders or Ram Board (Brand)
5. Vacuum First (especially with wood).
6. Lay down protective covering needed. Secure floor covering by taping the perimeter to either the baseboard or floor. If you choose to apply tape to the floor, use as little as possible and test in an inconspicuous location to see if tape removal will cause damage to the floor.
7. If using one of the rigid floor protectors or building paper, apply a strip of tape around the perimeter of the room avoiding any area that the tape will be walked on, i.e. tops of thresholds. Be sure to tape all joints in the floor covering material.
8. If low tack tape is used on the floor, a secondary high tack tape may be needed to secure floor covering material. Do not apply this tape to the flooring. The floor should be completely protected and there should be no way for debris to get under the covering. Also,

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you should not be walking on any tape applied directly to the floor, (even the low tact tapes can become firmly adhered in traffic conditions).

9. Remove Floor Protection after completing work – but first vacuum/clean the floor of dust and debris, then proceed in removing the covering.
10. When pulling the tape up that is adhered to the flooring, proceed with caution. If it does not come easily you may use a hairdryer or some paint thinner to loosen the adhesive.

Tips:

- When using Ram board or building paper, do the perimeter first then fill in the center.
- Ram board and similar products can be reused if not too dirty.
- Make all employees aware that damage can occur when removing tape from flooring.
- When pulling tape – pull it all the way back over itself.
- Make customer aware of any previous damage to the flooring prior to the start of work.

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