



Nature's Edge Vinyl Plank – Expanded Maintenance Guide

Nature's Edge is a Solid Vinyl Floor tile engineered for commercial use. Maintenance of Nature's Edge floors is similar to other resilient flooring products but there are some differences so please read these instructions carefully.

Adhesive Curing Time

1. It is important to allow the adhesive to set before the floor is exposed to foot traffic, point loads or maintenance procedures. Failure to do so can lead to shifting tiles, adhesive oozing or permanent indentations.
2. Do not allow foot traffic on the newly installed floor for 12 to 24 hours.
3. Do not allow rolling traffic furniture or fixtures on the floor for 24-48 hours.

Protecting The Floor

1. It is recommended to install floor coverings after all other finishing operations have been completed. However, if there will be construction traffic on the newly installed floor wait 24 hours and then cover the floor with brown Kraft paper and protective boards if necessary.

Clean Adhesive Residue

1. Remove any adhesive from the surface of the tile while wet using a clean white towel moistened with water.
2. Dried adhesive can be removed using a clean white cloth moistened with water or denatured alcohol. Do not pour water or denatured alcohol directly on the floor.
3. If working with Epoxy or Polyurethane adhesive, clean adhesive while still wet according to adhesive manufacturer's instructions. Do not allow to dry on the surface of the floor as it cannot be removed.

Initial Maintenance

1. Before turning the space over to the owner, initial maintenance shall be conducted by professional resilient floor maintenance technicians with experience in Solid Vinyl Floor Tile.
2. Always use maintenance products that are designed to be used on Solid Vinyl Floor Tile.
3. Wait 5 days after installation is completed and thoroughly clean the floor using a general purpose cleaner and a buffing machine or auto scrubber with a green or blue pad.

4. DO NOT USE BLACK OR BROWN PADS!
5. Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry.
6. Apply 3 coats of high quality acrylic floor finish according to label instructions. Be sure to allow the proper drying time between coats.

Daily And Weekly Maintenance

1. Sweep, vacuum or dust mop the floor as needed to remove dust, loose dirt and grit. In high traffic areas this may be a daily or twice daily procedure.
2. Clean liquid spills immediately to prevent the possibility of stains, slips or falls.
3. Mop or auto scrub the floor as needed to remove dirt and stains. Use a neutral cleaner appropriate for Solid Vinyl Floor Tile and a red pad if needed to remove ground in dirt.

Scrub And Recoat

1. To restore gloss level or deep clean heavily soiled floors, use a scrub and recoat procedure.
2. Sweep and thoroughly clean the floor using a general purpose cleaner and a buffing machine or auto scrubber with a green or blue pad.
3. DO NOT USE BLACK OR BROWN PADS! Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry.
4. Apply 1 or 2 coats of high quality acrylic floor finish according to label instructions. Be sure to allow the proper drying time between coats.

Strip And Recoat

1. To completely remove all floor finish and apply a new coating, use a stripping procedure.
2. Consult with the manufacturer of the floor finish that was applied for the recommended stripper to remove the finish from a Solid Vinyl Tile Floor.
3. Follow the label instructions and use a blue pad to strip the floor.
4. DO NOT USE BLACK OR BROWN PADS!

Preventive Maintenance

1. Use mats at all entry areas to keep dirt, sand and water off of the floor. Clean the mats on a regular basis. If mats are placed directly on top of the Nature's Edge floor, be sure the mats have a non-staining back.
2. Furniture shall have protective glides of at least 1" in diameter to minimize the chance of indentations or scratching to the surface of the floor. Do not use narrow chair glides! Felt pads are also excellent protection for the floor for furniture that will be frequently moved directly across the floor.
3. Do not move heavy furniture, appliances or fixtures directly across the floor. Use protective boards.
4. Protect the floor from direct sunlight by using appropriate window coverings.
5. Use chair mats at desks to protect the floor from damage due to chair legs or casters.

Suggested Uses

1. Beauty Salons, Conference Rooms, Corporate Lunchrooms, General Office, Hospitals, Libraries, Pharmacies, Retail/Department Stores, Resorts, Restaurants, Spas & Supermarkets.

Specifications

Overall Thickness	3.0mm - 0.120"
Wear Layer Thickness	0.5mm - 20mil
Size Plank	4" x 36"

Limited Warranty

Full Commercial Warranty	10 years
Limited Residential Warranty	20 years

Summary Of Warranty

1. Nature's Edge planks must be **professionally installed** to validate warranty.
2. **EarthSaver Warrants Nature's Edge** first quality planks against wear for a period of 10 years. This warranty applies only to material that is properly installed and maintained, while being used as intended and recommended. If the defect is covered by this warranty and is reported to EarthSaver within the warranty period EarthSaver will supply new material of same or similar grade to repair or replace the defective material.
3. **Wear** is defined as complete removal of wear layer, pattern and color due to wear from normal traffic and maintenance. If wear occurs with 10 years from date of purchase, EarthSaver will provide replacement materials or repair, of only the affected area.
4. **Manufacturing Defects**
EarthSaver Warrants Natures View first quality plank materials are free from manufacturing defects and will replace defective floor covering and reasonable installation costs for a period of up to (1) year from date of purchase. EarthSaver will not pay labor costs to repair or replace materials that defects were apparent before or at the time of installation.
5. **Other Limitations**
This warranty is non-transferable.
Manufacturing defect must be reported within 3 months from the date of purchase.
This warranty covers only properly installed & maintained floors.
EarthSaver excludes and will not pay for any consequential or incidental damages under this limited warranty.
EarthSaver will not pay for the loss of time, inconvenience or other incidental expenses.
EarthSaver reserves the right of final judgment and may refuse claims in certain instances.

PACKING	PIECES/CARTON	SQ. FT/CARTON
Plank 4" x 36"	30 planks/ctn.	30 sq. ft
Plank 6" x 36"	30 planks/ctn.	30 sq. ft

BOX WEIGHT	POUNDS
Plank 4" x 36"	1 Box = 35.7 lbs.
Plank 6" x 36"	1 Box = 43.0 lbs.

6. TECHNICAL SPECS (ASTM 1700-99)

Abrasion (ASTM D3389)	0.284g / 5000 cycle
Fire resistance (ASTM E648)	Class 1
Smoke (ASTM E662)	<450 sdi
Flame (ASTM E8401)	Class 3

Slip resistance (ASTM F2047)	Rated 0.61
Stain & chemical resistance (ASTM 925)	Excellent
Heat Stability (ASTM 1514)	Passed
Size & Squareness (ASTM 2055)	Passed
Static Load (ASTM F970)	<250 psi

Installation

1. **Surface Preparation** – Subfloor (wood or concrete) must be structurally sound, clean, smooth, dry, free from dust, dirt, wax, grease, and/or any other foreign material that would interfere with a good bond. DO NOT USE adhesives where moisture is present in concrete or wood-type subfloors. Moisture may retard or prevent adhesive from setting.
2. **Primer** - The latex Primer acts like a sealer but allows adhesion of the tile to the concrete floors. It also helps in preventing moisture from getting between the tiles and the subfloor.
3. **Tools Required** – You will need a utility knife, carpenter’s square, chalk, string, pencil and rolling pin.

Installation Guide

Nature’s Edge planks and adhesive must be conditioned at room temperature, minimum 65 degrees Fahrenheit for 24 hours before and 24 hours after installation. Spread adhesive with a 1/16” x 16” x 1/16” square notch trowel. Apply adhesive to subfloor according to the instructions on the container. Spread adhesives in small areas to avoid letting the adhesive dry too much before you have finished laying your plank. For planks use the wet set installation instructions. Roll each section immediately upon completing with a 100 pound three section roller.

Re-roll the entire floor after one or two hours. If you do not have access to a roller, then use a rolling pin and your body weight. Do not wash or treat the floor for a minimum of 48 hours after installation.

Maintenance

We recommend using a non-rising **cleaner** that leaves no film and suggest that you vacuum, sweep or dust mop twice/week. Hi-traffic areas might require more frequent cleaning.

Wipe up food and other **spills** immediately using recommended cleaner and a soft cloth. You should NEVER USE ABRASIVE CLEANERS, POWDERS, OIL CLEANERS, WAXES OR DISH DETERGENT; this will scratch the surface or leave a film.

When using a **vacuum**, if possible turn off the beater and use a hose or wand with an upholstery attachment. Vacuum wheels may also be a source for indenting and scuffing, check the wheels for embedded grit.

To remove **scuff marks** you can use a soft cloth to rub it out. If they are difficult to remove try using a product named “oops painter wipes”. Rinse the area well afterwards with clean warm water and allow to dry. Please note that these procedures may help remove stains from vinyl floors, but cannot guarantee complete removal. Burns, holes or “permanent” stains may require a replacement “patch” of that section of the floor.

To remove **damaged planks** you can use a hair dryer, which heats up the adhesive allowing the plank to be picked up. When the plank is up, use a wide blade putty knife and pull it out, then put the new plank down once the surface has been prepared. You should NEVER USE A HEAT GUN as this emits too much heat and will damage the planks.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Sample swatches have been cut from an overall design, decoration & shade may vary. The random nature of wood and other natural materials from which our patterns are designed, means that significant color and design variation is normal and enhances the extraordinary look of NATURE’S EDGE planks.