

Product Use

Green River's Hardwood Flooring can be installed on or above grade. Our flooring may be nailed down with cleats or staples over wooden subfloor. A Green River solid hardwood floor can be installed over a concrete subfloor on or above grade as long as you follow adhesive manufacturer's recommended and approved guidelines and specifications for solid hardwood installations.

Before You Begin

These abbreviated guidelines are merely general recommendations and suggestions for the installation of solid hardwood flooring and they assume conditions and configurations that are typical or normal for most installations. A homeowner should rely on the installation expertise of the certified professional installer to determine the most appropriate methods of the installation of your Green River hardwood flooring. Nothing in these abbreviated guidelines should be construed as a warranty or guarantee that adhering to these guidelines will necessarily result in the proper installation and functioning of hardwood flooring due to the generic nature of the guidelines.




Homeowner/Installer Responsibility

It is the homeowner's/installer's responsibility to inspect **ALL** material prior to installation for defects. Materials installed with visible defects are not covered under any warranty. Remember—wood is a natural product and that shading and graining will vary from piece to piece and this is to be expected. We do not warrant against these natural variations from piece to piece or variations from the sample you have seen to the finished product.

Green River urges you, as the final inspector, to inspect your hardwood flooring PRIOR to the installation of your chosen Green River hardwood floor. Verify that the hardwood flooring is the correct material you have ordered checking for both specie and grade. Green River declines any claim or responsibility for any costs incurred when hardwood flooring with visible defects have been installed.

Jobsite Conditions

It is the homeowner/installers responsibility to ensure that the jobsite conditions and jobsite sub-floor are environmentally and structurally acceptable prior to the installation of any hardwood flooring. Green River shall not have any responsibility for failures or deficiencies of hardwood flooring resulting from or related to sub-floor, sub-surface, or job-site environmental conditions. All substrates must be clean, flat, dry, and structurally sound.

-  All sub-floors and sub-floor systems must be structurally sound and must be installed following National Wood Flooring Association's (NWFA) Installation Guidelines. Green River's warranties **DO NOT** cover any problems caused by inadequate substructures or improper installation of said substructures.
-  Test wood sub-floors and wood flooring for moisture content using a pin-type moisture meter. All moisture levels should agree with the National Wood Flooring Association (NWFA) recommended moisture levels. Failure to test for proper moisture content of the wood flooring and sub-floor can result in cupping and/or other problem related to or associated with moisture and is not covered under the manufacturer's warranty.
-  Basements and crawl spaces must be dry.

Acclimation



Your solid hardwood flooring should be stored in the same environment in which it is expected to be installed. Acclimate your hardwood flooring for a minimum of 72 hours or as long as needed in order to meet the proper installation requirements put out by the National Wood Flooring Association (NWFA). The opening of the bundles/cartons will help to better acclimate the flooring to the environment in which it will be installed. Your Green River hardwood flooring is considered acclimated once it has reached moisture equilibrium consistent with the temperature and relative humidity of the job site and the normal living conditions.

Job Preparation

Inspect your Green River Hardwood Floor – Make sure you inspect your hardwood flooring for grade, milling, (finish, and color if installing a Green River pre-finished floor). **PLEASE NOTE: We do not accept claims or responsibility for any costs incurred when hardwood flooring with visible defects have been installed.**

Laying Out Your Hardwood Flooring

To achieve a well balanced random appearance and a uniform look to your hardwood floor, Green River recommends that your certified hardwood flooring installer take the following two steps:

-  Open and work from several bundles/cartons at a time.
-  Rack out your floor prior to installation

To do this start by either using random length pieces found in the bundle /carton or by cutting a few pieces in random lengths differing in sizes remembering to maintain at least a minimum of six inches between end joints when installed. Randomly install different lengths to avoid a patterned appearance. Never waste the cut flooring; the end cuts from starter rows should be used at the opposite side of the room to complete rows or used to start the next row. For further information on this method please refer to the National Wood Flooring Association Installation Guidelines.

Expansion

An expansion space of $\frac{3}{4}$ " must be left around the perimeter of the room and at all vertical obstructions. More or less spacing may be needed depending on the geographical region, interior climate, and or time of the year of your installation. This required spacing can easily be covered with matching or contrasting decorative molding.

For further installation instructions or to get an approved copy of the proper installation instructions please visit or call the National Wood Flooring Association (NWFA)

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www.nwfa.org

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