Hard Floor Care – Stripping

Frequency

As needed

Materials & Equipment

- Dust mop or vacuum
- Floor machine or auto scrubber (Boost)
- Black pads for floor machine and doodle pads for corners
- Brown pads for Boost
- Mop bucket
- Finishing kit
- Wet floor/Caution signs
- Wet vac
- Towel or walk off mat
- Blue painters tape
- Floor finish
- Floor finish remover
- Shineline neutral floor prep
- Baseboard stripper
- PPE – gloves, glasses or goggles

Areas Where Applicable

- Vinyl Composition Tile (VCT) flooring or other flooring as directed

Preparation

Make sure to have all materials on hand and ready to use. Contact OCCE and reserve the area for as long as possible. Make sure there is enough time to complete the project. Have Energy Management adjust the HVAC units. Ensure all materials are on hand and ready to use. Walk through the area to identify issues such as build up, wear, or soiling. Determine size of working sections for stripping based on the size of the floor and other conditions.

Procedure

1) Use painters tape to protect baseboards, doorway transitions, and moldings. Do not tape off baseboards if they require stripping.
2) Place wet floor signs, put on PPE, and place towel or walk off mat outside the area that is to be cleaned.

3) Use baseboard stripper on vertical surfaces. Spray on and allow dwell time per the label’s instructions. Scrub the surface with the doodle pad. Heavy build up may require a scraper.

4) Prepare solution of floor finish remover per the label’s instructions. Wet mop the area that is to be scrubbed. Allow a 10 minute dwell time. Do not allow the area to dry out. Apply more solution as needed in order to keep the floor wet.

5) Scrub with black or brown pads, depending on equipment being used. Double scrub. Do not move too quickly or the floor will still have dirty spots. Use doodle pads to clean corners. Flip pads if they become dirty or clogged. Work away from the outlet so that the cord will not become a trip or tangle hazard.

6) Walk where you scrub. Floor will become extremely slippery.

7) Suck up slurry with wet vac as soon as possible so that it does not dry.

8) Use a clean mop and rinse the floor twice with neutral floor prep. This will ensure proper adhesion of the new finish.

9) Make sure floor is dry and then apply floor finish. (See procedure for Hard Floor Care—Applying Finish and Sealer)

**Safety and PPE Recommendations**

PPE recommended includes hand and eye protection.

**Performance Standards**

Floor should be finish free.

**Cleanup**

Wipe down, rinse and dry all equipment. Return to proper storage areas.