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## AURORA'S HOME HILARITY: Where Julien Laurion is the Maestro of Makeovers!



By Julien Laurion  
The Big Tuna of Real Estate

Welcome to Aurora, a town where homes don't just stand; they practically do stand-up comedy. As Aurora's premier real estate and renovation guru, I've seen houses that could tell jokes better than most sitcoms. And that's just the beginning of our quirky little real estate tale.

**DIVING INTO AURORA'S REAL ESTATE** is like jumping on a trampoline – it's full of ups and downs, and you need a good sense of balance (and humour). With prices doing a tap dance that rivals the best Broadway shows, I've been the ringmaster, guiding clients through this circus with a smile and a data-backed strategy.

Have you heard about the house near the Aurora Arboretum that thought it was a tree? No kidding, it was branching out in all directions! That's where I come in, turning real estate challenges into charming living spaces, one laugh at a time.

When it comes to renovations in Aurora, think of me as your personal home whisperer. I've transformed more basements than Houdini had escape tricks – from dusty storage dungeons to palatial playrooms. Remember the kitchen on Temperance Street that was stuck in the 70s? With a flick of my magic design wand (and some serious elbow grease), it's now a sleek, modern culinary paradise.

Every creaky floorboard and quirky corner in Aurora's homes has a story, and I'm here to listen and then rewrite the script. It's not just about a new coat of paint; it's about reinventing your space to make it a starring character in your life.

Finding or creating the perfect home in Aurora is like baking the perfect cake – it needs the right ingredients, a bit of science, and a lot of heart. That's where my expertise sweetens the deal. From finding hidden gems in the real estate market to adding that 'wow' factor in renovations, I bring a mix of data-driven insights and creative flair.

Dreaming of a sunroom where you can sip coffee and watch the snowfall? Or maybe a home office that makes even Mondays feel like Fridays? Let's make it happen. With my network, expertise, and a sprinkle of humour, your dream home is closer than you think.

Looking ahead, I see a vibrant Aurora where every home is as unique and delightful as its owner – a place where your home isn't just where you live but a reflection of your personality and dreams.

So, to you, dear reader, lounging in your Aurora abode or dreaming of one: if you're looking to buy, sell, or transform a property, why not do it with someone who knows Aurora's real estate dance and can lead with style (and a few good jokes)? Let's chat over coffee (my treat!) and start sketching the blueprint of your dreams.

In Aurora, every home has its quirks, and every renovation project is an adventure. With me, Julien Laurion, your real estate and renovation journey will be filled with expertise, creativity, and a hearty dose of humour. Let's turn your home into the talk of the town, one chuckle (and brick) at a time!

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<b>\$1,291,453</b>	<b>\$2,417,667</b>
AVERAGE 41 DAYS ON MARKET	AVERAGE 64 DAYS ON MARKET
<b>NUMBER OF SALES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF SALES</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>9</b>
31 NEW LISTINGS	18 NEW LISTINGS
<b>SALE TO LIST RATIO</b>	<b>SALE TO LIST RATIO</b>
<b>97%</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE</b>	<b>YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE</b>
<b>0.55%</b>	<b>1.08%</b>

\*The statistics provided were obtained from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board's Market Watch DECEMBER 2023; Summary of Existing Home Transactions for All Home Types + Focus on the MLS Home Price Index for Composite for York Region's Aurora and King

We are anticipating gains in the market and hopeful this will return by February / March, with the TD Bank announcement of rates decreasing into 2025. As we head to spring, we suspect that it will be a more robust market. Presently, inventory remains low and there are many spillover Buyers from 2023 out shopping. We are encouraging Sellers to begin preparing to be market ready, to capitalize on low supply and active shoppers. In an evolving market, the Key Advantage Team are your trusted partners for insight and support, to help you make informed decisions with confidence. If you are thinking of buying or selling, now is the time to connect to talk strategy.

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# 3 modern kitchen features to consider

It's well-documented that kitchens are the most popular rooms in many homes. Kitchens are where families tend to congregate during holiday celebrations, and many a child has tackled their homework as mom or dad prepares dinner just a few steps away.

With so much time spent in the kitchen, it's no wonder kitchen renovations are popular. In fact, data from the National Association of Home Builders indicates kitchens are the most popular room to remodel. Whether homeowners are planning a full-scale remodel or a few tweaks to update the room, the following are three popular features of modern kitchens.

### 1 KITCHEN ISLAND

A recent survey from the interior design experts at Houzz found that kitchen islands are popular for a variety of reasons. Fifty-eight percent of respondents indicated they enjoy eating at kitchen islands, while 49 percent reported they like islands for entertaining. Forty-five percent of respondents like socializing around kitchen islands. Islands provide a versatile functionality that comes in handy when preparing meals on typical weeknights and when hosting friends and family on special

occasions like holidays and birthdays. Islands come in a variety of shapes and sizes and can be customized to fit just about any space. Mobile islands can be utilized in small kitchens when homeowners want the extra prep space but think the kitchen would be too cramped if a permanent island were added.

### 2 DEEP SINK

The popularity of farmhouse-style sinks is proof that large and deep sinks are sought-after among today's homeowners. Farmhouse sinks may be best suited to a particular aesthetic, but a 2021 study from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) found that side-by-side double sinks and walk-in pantries were the most popular of 30 listed kitchen features. That study surveyed more than 3,200 recent and prospective home buyers. Deep sinks are especially useful for people who love to cook, making them a solid addition to any kitchen where home chefs ply their trade most nights of the week.

### 3 STORAGE

As the NAHB study indicated, kitchen storage space is sought after among modern homeowners. As home cooks expand their culinary horizons and cook more elaborate meals, they need extra places to store specialty pots and pans, ingredients and other materials. Homeowners looking to add more storage in the kitchen can consult with a local contractor about how to create such space. A walk-in pantry can do the trick, but homeowners with kitchens where space is more limited may need to get a little more creative. Sliding-door pantries and roll-out shelving in existing cabinets can add functional space in kitchens with close quarters.

Modern kitchens are visual marvels and highly functional spaces. A new island, a deep sink and some extra storage space can help homeowners transform their existing kitchens into spaces that cater to their every need.

## 5 on-trend ideas for your new home

(NC) Moving into a new home offers an opportunity to create a space that reflects your family's values, enhances comfort and is better for the environment.

Whether you're shopping for a new home, renovating your current space or building from scratch, consider some of the latest trends while searching for inspiration.

#### HOME AUTOMATION

From ovens that can be turned on remotely to skylights that open and close automatically and more, there are a multitude of ways to integrate smart home technology into your living space to make it more energy efficient and convenient. Start small with a voice assistant, smart light bulbs, home security system or a programmable thermostat. After that, you can implement additional features like smart appliances, remote-controlled window blinds and other electronic devices you can control from your phone for a complete smart home system.

#### SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

A long-popular trend, green, or sustainable, design has evolved over the years to include more than energy-efficient appliances and LED light bulbs. Now, it's about reducing your carbon footprint and minimizing impact on the environment. To try the trend yourself, think big and get creative – install solar panels on your roof, choose highly insulated building materials that don't require deforestation and upcycle old furniture or decor instead of buying new.

#### DISASTER RESILIENCY

From wildfires that last for months to devastating tornadoes and major floods that impact entire cities, an increase in natural disasters due to climate change has required changes when building homes. Opting for disaster-resilient materials is an important first step. For example, using strong, energy-efficient insulated concrete forms (ICFs), like those from Nudura, instead of traditional wood framing, helps homes better withstand extreme weather. ICFs can endure winds of up to 400 kilometres per hour (equivalent to an F4 tornado) and offer a fire protection rating of up to four hours.

#### OUTDOOR LIVING

Transforming your backyard can help you make the most of your existing space. To take full advantage of your yard or patio, consider incorporating elements from the interior such as a television and comfortable seating options. Outdoor kitchen setups complete with refrigerators and sinks can make entertaining easier and a fire pit or fireplace can allow your friends and family to enjoy the outdoors even on cool nights.

#### CUSTOMIZATION

You no longer have to settle for run-of-the-mill floor plans or what works for others. If you're considering a new build, work with an architect to create exactly what you're looking for, or speak with a contractor about including personalized architectural features and custom-built storage, for example, in your existing home.

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# NAVIGATING THE REAL ESTATE LANDSCAPE: A Look into King Township in 2024

As the real estate market continues to evolve, certain regions stand out for their unique charm, desirable amenities, and investment potential.

King Township has always garnered attention for its picturesque landscapes, affluent communities, and burgeoning real estate market. This article explores the real estate scene in King Township, delving into its key features, market trends, and what makes it an appealing destination for homebuyers and investors alike.

Nestled in the heart of York Region, King Township boasts an ideal blend of urban and rural living. Homebuyers are drawn to the scenic beauty that King Township offers, making it a haven for those seeking a peaceful retreat while still enjoying proximity to major urban centres like Toronto.

#### HOUSING MARKET OVERVIEW

The real estate market in King Township has experienced notable growth in recent years, with a variety of housing options catering to different preferences and lifestyles. Detached single-family homes remain a popular choice, often featuring expansive lots and modern amenities. Additionally, the township has seen an increase in demand for luxury properties, including estates and custom-built homes that capitalize on the surrounding natural beauty.

#### AMENITIES & ACCESSIBILITY

King Township is renowned for its commitment to preserving green spaces and promoting sustainable development. The area is dotted with parks, trails, and conservation areas, providing residents with ample opportunities for outdoor activities and recreation. This emphasis on a high quality of life, combined with excellent schools, both at the private and public levels, local shops, and cultural amenities, contributes to the township's appeal among families and professionals.

Moreover, King Township boasts easy access to the GO Train and Highway 400. This ensures convenient commuting options, making it an even more attractive choice for residents seeking both a serene environment and connectivity to broader urban centers.

#### MARKET TRENDS

The real estate market in King Township has witnessed steady appreciation in property values, reflecting the area's desirability. Factors such as limited inventory, high demand, and the township's commitment to controlled development have contributed to a competitive market. In December 2023, the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB) reported a benchmark price of \$1,835,300 in King Township, representing a +1.08% appreciation year over year, +35.30% over 3 years, +58.30% over 5 years, and +129.26% over 10 years.

#### INVESTMENT POTENTIAL

Investors keen on the Ontario real estate market are increasingly eyeing King Township for its potential for long-term growth. The township's commitment to maintaining its unique character while accommodating growth ensures a stable investment environment. Whether purchasing residential properties for rental income or commercial spaces, King Township offers diverse investment opportunities.

#### CHALLENGES AND CONSIDERATIONS

While King Township presents a promising real estate landscape, potential buyers and investors should be mindful of certain challenges. Zoning regulations, conservation restrictions, and the need for careful development planning can impact the speed of new construction and renovations. Navigating these considerations requires working closely with experienced local real estate professionals.

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# Turn your bedroom into a *relaxing* retreat

## Furnish a home for comfort

As people continue to fix up their homes, they may be interested in ways to make them more comfortable. Lawns, kitchens and living rooms are popular spaces to renovate. Certain furnishings can ensure living spaces are comfortable places to pass the time.

### ENSURE AN ABUNDANCE OF LIGHT

One stark overhead light will not create a cozy environment. Introduce groupings of illumination where you hope residents and guests will congregate to engage in conversation. Utilize different lighting sources, such as task lighting, table and floor lamps, recessed or ambient lighting, and even candles. Warm temperature light bulbs will add to that comfortable feeling.

### COORDINATE DESIGNS FOR EACH SEASON

Crisp cotton and breezy linens are great for the warm weather, but when the colder temperatures arrive, it's time to swap for flannel or jersey. Folded quilts or throws on the sofa also can be handy for chilly evenings. Make subtle changes to the home as the temperature changes to epitomize comfort in your spaces.

### SPLURGE ON YOUR SOFA AND BED

Much time will be spent lounging on the couch or sleeping in your bed. It's worthwhile to invest in pieces that are durable and, above all else, comfortable. While these items may be more expensive up front, the comfort they provide will be well worth it.

### SOFTEN HARSH LINES

Tricks like incorporating round area rugs or using oval or round pillows can break up the straight line of rooms and even modern furniture pieces. Opt for soft and inviting textiles as well. Textural elements, such as woven decor baskets, also can soften harsh lines.

### INTRODUCE ORGANIC ELEMENTS

Home entertaining expert Julie Blanner says plants, flowers, fruits, and vegetables bring life to a space. Choose easy-care plants if you do not have a green thumb, or swap out freshly cut blooms in vases as pops of colour and fresh elements are needed.

### UTILIZE WARM PAINT COLOURS.

Cool-toned paints can make a space seem colder and more utilitarian or clinical. When looking at swatches, select paints that have warm undertones. Eggshell and satin sheens will be more inviting and evoke a cozy feel more effectively than flat or matte finishes.

These are just a few ways to build a cozy and comfortable home. Working within these parameters, homeowners can customize their interior spaces to maximize comfort.

Bedrooms are more than places to lay our heads at the end of the day. Bedrooms serve different functions, and not all are conducive to relaxation.

**PEOPLE WHO USE** their bedrooms as a workspace may find they're compromising their well-being by introducing activities into the bedroom. The Sleep Foundation says having an office in the bedroom blurs the lines between work and personal life, which can have serious effects on sleep. Rather, people should be looking to turn their bedrooms into relaxing retreats that offer a respite from the outside world.

**REMOVE BLUE-LIGHT EMITTING DEVICES**  
Computers, tablets, smartphones, and other electronic devices emit blue light, which can compromise natural melatonin production in the body that contributes to sleep. Such devices should not be used at night in the bedroom.

### USE A NEUTRAL COLOUR PALETTE

Neutral colour palettes evoke a spa feeling. Walls can be painted white, beige or a light shade of gray. This can help the room feel calming and welcoming.

### DECLUTTER THE ROOM

A sense of calm can be achieved simply by removing excess clutter. There is some evidence that the brain is more calm near an empty dresser, desk or clothes hamper. Therefore, removing excessive items from the room is the first step to making a nice retreat.

### ADD SOFT LIGHTING.

Adjust the intensity and the colour of the lighting in the bedroom. It should be subtle and warming. Dimmers enable homeowners to adjust lighting as needed.

### INSTALL AN ELECTRIC FIREPLACE

There is something to be said for the relaxing effects of gazing into the flames of a fire. A crackling (faux wood) fire is an added layer of indulgence in a bedroom.

### ADD AN AREA RUG

Even in rooms with carpeting, an area rug under the

bed can further define the bed's perimeter and add extra plushness underfoot.

### INVEST IN AROMATHERAPY DIFFUSERS

Certain smells can create a relaxing mood. These may be sandalwood, lavender or jasmine. Utilizing their preferred scents, homeowners can employ reed diffusers in their bedrooms to enjoy the aromas of natural oils.

### USED CLOSED STORAGE

Open shelves and visible closet interiors may not hide a mess. Exposure to clutter can contribute to feelings of anxiety. Store items that shouldn't be on display behind closed doors or drawers.

### BRING IN LUXURY LINENS

Homeowners should not skimp on comforters, sheets, duvet covers, and pillows for their beds. A cozy bed to dive right into can serve as the centerpiece of a bedroom retreat.

Turning a bedroom into a relaxing space can help individuals sleep better and reduce anxiety.

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## Organizational tips for bathrooms and laundry spaces

### BATHROOM

Apart from a vanity and possibly a medicine cabinet, many bathroom layouts tend to be pretty sparse in terms of storage. So it is up to homeowners to introduce more storage and organizational function.

- **Over-toilet shelving:** Freestanding units are available from many different retailers, but they may lack aesthetic appeal. Homeowners can install open shelves above the toilet that coordinate with the style of the home. Use them to store extra towels or display decorative items.

- **Streamlined containers:** Invest in coordinating storage containers (clear are preferable) so that all items can be uniformly put away. First sort through all items to determine which size containers are necessary and how many are required.

- **Conceal toilet paper:** Homeowners want to have bath tissue on hand, but simply placing it near the toilet can look cluttered or unsightly. Use decorative baskets to house one or two extra rolls and place them on shelving or on the toilet tank itself.

- **Freestanding cabinet:** Those lucky enough to have linen closets in their bathrooms can keep everything behind closed doors. In small bathrooms, this may not be possible. However, a freestanding cabinet, similar to a kitchen pantry cabinet, can be used if there is space for it. Store all of the linens and other items inside.

### LAUNDRY

Laundry rooms can be very organized or a catch-all space for objects that simply do not fit in other rooms in the home. Perfecting laundry room organization can take some effort.

- **Folding station:** A laundry room is more useful with a folding station. It can be a separate counter over cabinetry, or innovative homeowners build a counter over front-loading washing machines and dryers.

- **Utilize wall space:** Use hooks and shelving to get items off the floor or counters. Use them to hold brooms, mops, ironing boards, detergent, and much more.

- **Invest in a pedestal storage drawer:** Laundry pedestal storage drawers can be used to keep dryer sheets, laundry pods and additional supplies out of view.

- **Use space-saving cabinetry:** Pull-out drawers and cabinets can be used to hold hampers, ironing boards, and other frequently used items without cluttering up the room.



# Simple strategies to create more storage space in the kitchen

If home is where the heart is, then the kitchen is where that heart spends most of its time. Kitchens are where family and friends tend to congregate during holiday celebrations, and many a homework assignment has been completed at a kitchen island while parents prepare dinner.

**THE POPULARITY OF KITCHENS** is reflected in the attention these rooms get from renovation-minded homeowners. Data from the National Association of Home Builders indicates kitchens are the most popular room to remodel. Upgrading kitchen storage is a popular renovation project, and it's also one that has practical appeal. Adding more storage in the kitchen gives the room a more organized feel, which can make preparing meals more enjoyable and create space

when hosting and guests inevitably congregate around an island. With those benefits in mind, would-be organizers can consider these strategies to create more storage space in the kitchen.

### TAKE STOCK OF THE SPICE RACK

Creating more storage space does not necessarily have to involve tools like screwdrivers, hammers and nails. Spice racks can easily become overcrowded as amateur cooks expand their culinary repertoire. A crowded spice rack inevitably spills out onto the surrounding countertop. Take stock of the spice rack and discard any spices or seasonings you haven't used in a while. This can create a more organized look and free up extra counter space.

### MAKE A DIGITAL COOKBOOK

If your go-to recipes are filling a binder or two, those binders are almost certainly taking up precious storage space. Scan printed recipes and convert your physical recipe collection into a digital cookbook you store on a tablet.

### INSTALL ROLL-OUT SHELVING IN THE PANTRY

Roll-out shelving puts the entire pantry to use. Without such shelving, items are destined to be relegated to that nether region known as the back of the pantry. Some items never emerge from this area, as cooks forget they're there and then purchase duplicates, which inevitably contributes to storage issues. Roll-out shelving ensures all items in the pantry can be found and greatly reduces the likelihood that cooks will have lots of duplicate items taking up precious kitchen space.

### REMOVE SINGLE-USE GADGETS FROM THE KITCHEN

Much like spices and seasonings vital to the preparation of specialty meals tend to be used just once, kitchen gadgets that lack versatility have a way of gathering dust and taking up storage space. Whether it's a popcorn maker, a seldom-used but space-needy wok or another gadget that's used infrequently, if at all, store single-use gadgets in the garage or another area of the house where they won't get in the way or contribute to a less-than-organized look in the room.

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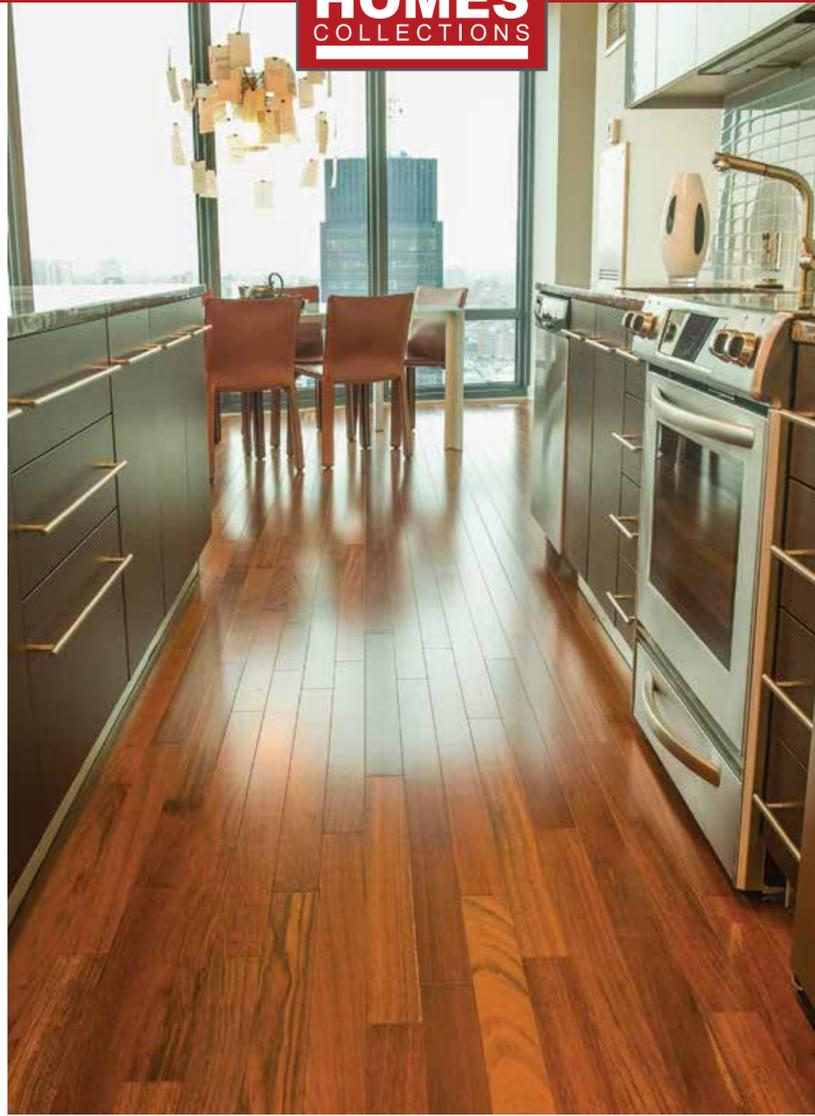
# A rundown of 3 popular flooring materials

Even though it's underfoot, flooring can set the tone for how a room or even an entire home is viewed. Perhaps that's one reason why flooring generates such strong opinions when homeowners look to refurbish or replace their floors.

**HOMEOWNERS** now have more choices than ever when considering new flooring for their homes. The following rundown of three popular flooring options can help homeowners as they try to decide which material best suits their homes.

**1 HARDWOOD FLOORS**

Hardwood floors might once have been a relatively straightforward option, but homeowners may now choose between solid wood flooring and engineered wood flooring. According to The Home Depot, engineered wood flooring provides the look of solid wood flooring without the high maintenance of such floors. Engineered wood is manmade and created with the use of wood strands, particles, fibres or veneers of wood that are forged together with adhesives. Each engineered wood flooring plank is composed of several layers of plywood or fibreboard with a solid wood veneer on top, which is how it can provide the look of solid wood flooring. Solid wood flooring planks are made from a single piece of hardwood. Each type of flooring has its pros and cons, and homeowners who prefer hardwood floors are urged to speak with a flooring professional about the features that make these options unique from one another.



**2 LAMINATE FLOORS**

Laminate flooring is another engineered flooring product. But unlike engineered wood flooring, laminate flooring does not utilize real wood and many people can recognize that the moment they step on a laminate floor. Flooring is such a vital and heavily trafficked component of a home that it's typically best to leave the installation to a qualified professional. However, homeowners who prefer the DIY route should know that laminate flooring is viewed as among the easiest types of flooring for DIYers to install.

**3 VINYL FLOORING**

The experts at Good Housekeeping report that vinyl flooring is the fastest-growing category of flooring. The Home Depot notes that vinyl flooring is made

from plastic and usually consists of acrylic, PVC and similar polymers. Luxury vinyl tile is thick and durable, and it's often noted for its likeness to solid wood. Vinyl tile also is considered a versatile flooring option, as The Home Depot notes it can be purchased in planks, sheets or tiles. The Home Depot advises homeowners to consider the thickness range when mulling their vinyl flooring options. Thickness ranges between four and 40 millimetres, and a thicker layer is more resistant to water, scratches and stains.

Homeowners will be confronted with a variety of options when considering a flooring project for their homes. The right option for a given home may come down to a host of factors, including cost, look and durability.

## Wood floor cleaning guide

The following are some steps for keeping wood floors as pristine as possible.

**REMOVE SHOES**

It's a good idea to remove shoes, particularly heels, when walking on wood floors. Sharp heels, cleats and other shoes can scratch or dent wood flooring.

**SWEEP OR VACUUM FREQUENTLY**

The experts at The Spruce suggest sweeping, vacuuming or dust-mopping wood floors daily. Dirt and dust make floors more slippery, and dirt or sand particles can lead to scratches on the floor.

**LEARN YOUR FLOORING TYPE**

Wood flooring is broken down into three main categories: solid hardwood flooring, engineered hardwood flooring and laminate wood flooring. Traditional hardwood is made of planks or strips of any hardwood covered in a wood stain. Engineered flooring is manufactured by gluing together several thin plies of hardwood. Laminate flooring looks like wood but generally is a veneer or a photographic image of wood covered by a thick layer of melamine resin over fiberboard.

**SKIP HARSH CLEANSERS**

Regardless of flooring type, most are covered by a sealant that can become streaky or dull if the wrong cleanser is used. Avoid chlorine bleach, ammonia, pine oil, or undiluted vinegar. Instead, choose a cleanser that is specifically recommended for the flooring type. Do not allow water or solutions to sit on the floor, as that can contribute to staining and warping. With laminate flooring, avoid wet mopping unless the flooring is specifically marked as being able to be wet. The underlayers of laminate flooring can warp if it gets wet.

**DAMP IS BETTER THAN WET**

When cleaning wood flooring, use a damp rather than a soaking wet mop. Better Homes & Gardens says standing water can damage wood surfaces.

**USE THE HARD FLOOR SETTING**

When vacuuming, adjust the vacuum to a hard flooring setting, which will not engage the brush rollers on the vacuum head. Rollers can scratch wood and laminate flooring, advises The Home Depot.

**USE REPAIR PRODUCTS AS NEEDED**

Scratch and repair kits can fill in small scratches. Wood floor polish and wood waxes also can revitalize worn floors. Again, check that the product is safe for your particular flooring before use.

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