1. Precautions

Remove all metal objects before conducting maintenance and use caution tape and/or "Wet Floor" signs to prohibit foot traffic until the floor is dry. Do not use hydrocarbons, harsh disinfectants, cleaning agents, dyes, acetone or other harsh chemicals – ensure all chemicals and materials that may come in contact with flooring surface will not stain, mar or otherwise damage the surface. Do not use abrasive cleaning pads, as these can damage the flooring. The application of a floor-finish is not usually recommended and will change the maintenance protocol. Allow area to dry completely before allowing foot traffic.

2. Residential

Dust-mop or vacuum the floor to remove any dirt or debris. Damp-mop the floor as often as required using a flat microfiber mop or a spray mop. Use a pH neutral, film-free and streak-free cleaner concentrate, available at home improvement stores, and make sure to change the pad as often as necessary. Steam cleaners with a micro-fiber head may also be used, providing the steaming head is never stationary, as prolonged, excessive heat can damage any vinyl floor covering.

3. Commercial

Dust-mop or vacuum the floor to remove any dirt or debris. Mix a pH neutral, film-free and streak-free cleaner with clean, cool potable water and damp-mop or spot clean the floor as often as necessary. Avoid wet mopping, puddling or pooling cleaning liquid on the surface.

If flooring is heavily soiled or contaminated with gypsum dust, an auto-scrubber or rotary machine (185 rpm or less) with pads or brushes that are similar in grit to 3M 5100 Red Cleaning pads or a dual-bucket mop system must be used to remove dirt and contaminants from the surface. Mix a pH neutral, film-free and streak-free cleaner with clean, cool potable water at the appropriate dilution level and, apply to the surface using a new or thoroughly cleaned mop, except when using an auto-scrubber. When using a rotary machine, ensure the surface stays wet while scrubbing to prevent marring or dulling. When using a dual-bucket system, allow the cleaning solution to dwell for 5-10 minutes before removing. Use a wet vacuum or clean mop to remove the cleaning slurry, then rinse with clean, cool water and use a wet vacuum or clean mop to remove any remaining liquid. Ensure that all cleaning residues haves been removed (this may require additional rinsing).