

SURFACE INTELLIGENCE · FIELD NOTE 05

A floor can shine and still be sticky.

Residue, loose grit, and excess moisture can make a floor feel worse after mopping. Match the method to the flooring and use the label's dilution, not an extra splash.

YOUR KIT

Suitable vacuum or soft broom; microfiber mop; floor-approved cleaner



MORE CLEANER IS NOT MORE CLEAN. · EDITORIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Three deliberate steps.

01 Take out the grit

Pick up items and remove loose debris with a tool approved for the floor. Check wheels and mop pads for trapped grit.

02 Control the moisture

Prepare the cleaner exactly as directed. Use a well-wrung pad and work in small sections; avoid pooling at joints and edges.

03 Let it dry and inspect

Keep traffic off until dry. Check for residue at the edges of each section. If rinsing is required by the product, use a clean pad and follow the floor maker's instructions.

The final check.

☐ No wet seams

☐ Clean pad used as the old one soils

☐ Dry floor checked for streaks and tack

Know when to pause.

Do not steam an unknown floor or flood wood and laminate. Lifted edges need evaluation rather than harder scrubbing.

The right dose leaves less behind.

Always follow the surface maker's care instructions and product label. Never mix cleaning products. This guide is for ordinary household care, not hazardous-material remediation. Product-specific instructions take priority.

Related references and service information: Surface care: Natural Stone Institute Shower care: KOHLER

Wasatch Cleaners · Edition 01, October 2026 · <https://wasatch-cleaners.com/field-notes/guides/floor-finish/>