

In place of damp mopping, dry cleaning may be used for soil removal. A No. 0 or No. 1 steel wool disc is used with a floor machine which should be moved quickly over the floor. Dust removal is necessary after dry cleaning to remove the loosened soil and wax, but buffing may sometimes be eliminated because of the burnishing action of the steel wool. A recent development along these lines, which is giving good results, is the use of a nylon pad in place of the steel wool disc.

There are several variations possible in the damp mopping procedure that have merit under certain conditions. A detergent can be added to the cold water to help remove dirt during mopping. Another common practice is to add a little wax to the water. This very thin film probably increases the gloss after buffing, but it should be used sparingly to avoid excessive wax buildup.

When it becomes evident that the damp mopping and light scrubbing no longer remove the soil, the floor must again be stripped, waxed, and buffed in order to restore it to the original safe, good appearing, long wearing surface. If proper attention is paid to sweeping, damp mopping and buffing, and surface cleaning, the stripping and waxing cycle need be accomplished less frequently with substantial saving in time and materials.