



5 Flooring Mistakes Nanaimo Homeowners Make

Nobody daydreams about subfloor prep — but the gap between a floor you love for twenty years and one you side-eye every morning usually comes down to five avoidable calls. Here's how to get them right the first time.

- 1 Judging a whole floor by a 3-inch sample**
A tiny swatch lies. Colour shifts with your light, your furniture, and your wall colour. Borrow full-size samples and live with them for a day — morning sun, evening lamps, the whole show.
✓ Decide in your room, not the showroom.
- 2 Skipping the subfloor conversation**
The prettiest plank in the world can't save a bouncy, uneven, or damp subfloor. Flatness, moisture, and squeaks decide whether your floor stays silent and flat — ask what's under yours before what's on top.
✓ Make subfloor prep a line item, not an afterthought.
- 3 Ordering the exact square footage**
Cuts, closets, and crooked walls eat material. Order 7–10% extra and keep a spare box — when a plank gets damaged five years from now, that box is the difference between a quick swap and a discontinued-product treasure hunt.
✓ Buy the waste factor. Future-you says thanks.
- 4 Shopping the quote instead of the scope**
Two quotes can differ by thousands because one includes removal, prep, transitions, and underlayment — and the other quietly doesn't. The cheapest number on paper is rarely the cheapest floor.
✓ Compare line by line, not bottom line.
- 5 Treating every room the same**
Entries, kitchens, baths, and basements live harder, wetter lives than bedrooms. Match the product to the room's real life — and remember, even moisture-tolerant floors want spills cleaned up promptly. No floor enjoys standing water.
✓ Right floor, right room.

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