

Littleton Hardwood Flooring Specialist Addresses Common Winter Damage as Homeowners Report Gaps and Cupping

Independent Hardwood Floor Company explains how Colorado's dry winter air affects hardwood floors and when homeowners should consider repair versus refinishing options.



Littleton, Colorado Jan 26, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - Independent Hardwood Floor Company, a Littleton-based hardwood flooring specialist, is addressing an increase in homeowner inquiries about winter-related hardwood floor issues as Colorado's dry climate takes its toll on wood flooring throughout South Metro Denver. The company reports that seasonal gaps, edge cupping, and finish deterioration are among the most common concerns during winter months.

Hardwood flooring is hygroscopic, meaning it absorbs and releases moisture based on surrounding humidity levels. Colorado's winter air—already dry by climate—becomes even drier when homes are heated, causing hardwood planks to contract and separate. This natural process can create visible gaps between boards, edge lifting (cupping), and stress on protective finishes.

"Every winter we get calls from homeowners worried their floors are failing, but most of the time it's just the wood responding to indoor humidity dropping below 30%," said Brian Jorgensen, owner of

Independent Hardwood Floor Company. "The question isn't whether it's happening—it's whether the damage is reversible or if we're looking at something that needs intervention. That's where experience matters, because recommending an expensive refinish when the problem will self-correct in spring does nobody any favors."

Independent Hardwood Floor Company has served Colorado communities for more than two decades, specializing in hardwood floor installation, repair, and refinishing across Littleton, Castle Rock, Centennial, Parker, and Highlands Ranch. Jorgensen personally evaluates each project to determine whether issues stem from seasonal moisture fluctuation or underlying installation and substrate problems.

According to the company, minor seasonal gaps typically close when humidity levels rise in spring and summer. However, gaps exceeding 1/8 inch, cupping that remains after humidity stabilizes, or finish cracking may indicate more serious concerns requiring professional assessment. Independent Hardwood Floor Company evaluates floor age, installation method, subfloor condition, and home humidity history before recommending repair or refinishing.

The company advises homeowners to maintain indoor humidity between 35-45% during winter months using humidification systems, avoid aggressive temperature swings, and monitor floors for changes that persist beyond seasonal patterns. For floors showing wear beyond normal seasonal movement, refinishing can restore protective coatings and address finish-level damage without full replacement.

Homeowners in South Metro Denver experiencing hardwood floor concerns can contact Independent Hardwood Floor Company at (303) 907-1737 or visit independenthardwoodfloor.com for evaluation.

About Independent Hardwood Floor Company

Independent Hardwood Floor Company is a Littleton-based hardwood flooring specialist providing installation, repair, and refinishing services to homeowners throughout South Metro Denver. The company has served Colorado communities for more than 20 years.

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