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Which Floor Is Right for Me?

The Orlando homeowner's flooring guide — 10 honest answers + a floor-finder checklist

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Welcome — let's make this easy

Picking a new floor should be exciting, not stressful. But between waterproof claims, price-per-square-foot math, and the very real worry of hiring the wrong contractor, it's easy to feel stuck before you even begin.

This guide was put together by the team at Kadosh Flooring Store, right here in Orlando. We answer the ten questions we hear most from Central Florida homeowners — in plain language, with honest numbers, and with Florida's climate in mind.

No jargon. No pressure. Just the information you'd want a knowledgeable friend in the business to tell you over coffee.

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QUESTION 01

What flooring works best in Florida humidity?

QUICK ANSWER *Waterproof, dimensionally stable floors — luxury vinyl plank (SPC/LVP) and porcelain tile lead the pack in Central Florida.*

Florida's climate is the single biggest factor most homeowners forget. Our high year-round humidity, summer storms, and the occasional spill or leak put real stress on flooring. Materials with a wood-fiber core can quietly absorb moisture along seams and edges, then swell, cup, or peak — sometimes within just a few years.

The floors that thrive here share three traits: they're waterproof (not just water-resistant), they stay dimensionally stable when humidity swings, and they don't feed mold or mildew. That's why luxury vinyl plank and porcelain tile are the workhorses of Central Florida homes.



Porcelain look-marble flooring — fully waterproof and built for Florida's humidity.



QUESTION 02

Vinyl, laminate, tile, or engineered wood?

QUICK ANSWER *There's no single "best" — the right pick depends on the room, your budget, and how waterproof you need it.*

Each material has a sweet spot. Use this side-by-side to narrow it down, then we'll help you confirm with real samples in your space.

Material	Best for	Waterproof?	Florida fit	Feel
Luxury Vinyl (LVP/SPC)	Whole-home, baths, pets & kids	Yes — fully	Excellent	Warm, realistic
Porcelain Tile	Baths, entries, wet zones	Yes — fully	Excellent	Cool, premium
Engineered Hardwood	Living & bedrooms, resale	Water-resistant	Good	Real wood, warm
Laminate	Tight budgets, dry rooms	Resistant only	Use caution	Firm, wood look

A quick rule of thumb for Florida: if a room ever gets wet — bathrooms, laundry, entry, kitchen — go fully waterproof (vinyl or porcelain). For bedrooms and formal living areas where you want the richness of real wood, engineered hardwood shines.



Warm porcelain tile pairs beautifully with stone and rich finishes.



QUESTION 03

What drives the cost of a new floor?

QUICK ANSWER *Your material, your subfloor's condition, how much old flooring needs removal, and the size of the job. A free in-home measurement is the only way to get an accurate number.*

Every home is different, so the smartest thing you can do is understand what moves the price up or down — then get a clear, itemized quote built around your actual space. These are the factors that matter most:

What affects your quote	Why it matters
Material choice	Vinyl, laminate, tile, and engineered wood each sit at different price points and durability levels.
Subfloor condition	If the surface needs leveling or repair, that prep adds to the project.
Old floor removal	Tearing out and hauling away existing flooring takes time and labor.
Project size & layout	Larger areas, stairs, and complex layouts change the scope of work.
Trim & finishing details	Baseboards, transitions, and underlayment complete the look and the quote.

A trustworthy company walks you through all of this up front, so your estimate is clear and there are no surprises on installation day. Flexible financing options are also available to fit the plan to your needs.

Tip: *A free in-home measurement is the only way to get an accurate price — online calculators can't see your subfloor.*



QUESTION 04

Will my floor be waterproof and pet-friendly?

QUICK ANSWER Yes — choose luxury vinyl or porcelain tile for genuinely waterproof, scratch-resistant floors built for spills, paws, and play.

This is where modern flooring really shines. Luxury vinyl planks feature sealed edges and a tough protective wear layer, so spills, accidents, and the occasional knocked-over water bowl wipe right up. Porcelain tile is impervious to water by nature, which is why it's a favorite for bathrooms and entryways.

For pet owners, scratch resistance matters as much as water. Quality vinyl and durable laminate stand up to claws, zoomies, and muddy paws far better than soft solid wood.



Tiled walk-in showers and floors handle constant moisture with ease.



QUESTION 05

How long does installation usually take?

QUICK ANSWER *Most single-room jobs finish in 1 day; a typical whole-home project runs 2 to 5 days, depending on size, prep, and material.*

Timelines depend on three things: the square footage, how much prep your subfloor needs, and the material itself. Floating vinyl and laminate go down quickly. Tile takes longer because of layout, setting, and grout cure time.

Project	Typical timeframe
Single room (vinyl or laminate)	Often 1 day
Whole home (vinyl / laminate)	2 - 4 days
Tile (per room)	2 - 3 days (incl. grout cure)
Bathroom remodel with tile	3 - 7 days depending on scope

A good installer schedules efficiently and keeps you updated from prep to final pass, so you always know what's happening and when you'll have your space back.



QUESTION 06

Can I replace my floors without a mess?

QUICK ANSWER *Absolutely. Dust-controlled demolition, furniture protection, and clean daily cleanup keep disruption to a minimum.*

The fear of living in a construction zone is real — but a professional crew is built to prevent exactly that. The difference comes down to method:

- Dust-controlled removal of the old floor, so fine debris doesn't coat your whole home.
- Furniture and belongings protected and moved with care, then put back.
- Old flooring hauled away and responsibly recycled — you don't deal with the debris.
- Clean, organized work each day, leaving your home ready for the next step.

You should be able to live your life while your floors get an upgrade.



QUESTION 07

What flooring adds the most value to my home?

QUICK ANSWER *Hardwood and wood-look floors deliver the strongest resale appeal and the best return on your investment.*

Buyers in Florida love clean, hard-surface floors that feel modern and easy to maintain. Replacing dated or worn carpet with wood, wood-look vinyl, or tile is one of the most reliable ways to boost curb appeal and buyer perception.

Engineered hardwood tends to top the value charts. But you don't have to choose hardwood to win: high-quality luxury vinyl that convincingly mimics wood gives you the look buyers want at a friendlier price — smart for rentals and investment properties too.



A consistent, premium finish through main living areas lifts buyer perception.



QUESTION 08

Do I need to remove my old floor first?

QUICK ANSWER *Sometimes yes, sometimes no. Many floating floors can go over existing tile if it's level — a pro confirms during the site visit.*

It depends on what's there now and what you're installing. Modern floating systems (lots of vinyl and laminate) can sometimes be installed right over existing tile or another hard, level surface — saving time and money. Other situations call for full removal: damaged subfloors, uneven surfaces, carpet, or anything that would compromise the new floor's performance.

Skipping removal when you shouldn't leads to lippage, hollow spots, and voided warranties. A professional confirms suitability with a quick assessment — checking the surface is flat, sound, and dry before recommending the right approach.



QUESTION 09

How do I avoid hiring the wrong contractor?

QUICK ANSWER *Insist on licensed, insured installers, a written itemized quote, real reviews, and clear warranties. If any are missing, walk away.*

This is the question that keeps homeowners up at night — and for good reason. A bad install can ruin even the best material. Use this checklist to separate true professionals from risky bargains:

1. Licensed & insured. Protects you if something goes wrong. Always ask to confirm.
2. Written, itemized estimate. Materials, labor, removal, prep, trim — all spelled out.
3. Real, verifiable reviews. Look across Google, Yelp, and the BBB.
4. Clear warranties. Manufacturer's product warranty plus the installer's workmanship guarantee, in writing.
5. They see the space first. A trustworthy pro measures and inspects before quoting.
6. Straight answers. Good contractors explain the "why" and never pressure you to sign on the spot.

When a company checks every box, you can move forward with confidence instead of crossed fingers.



QUESTION 10

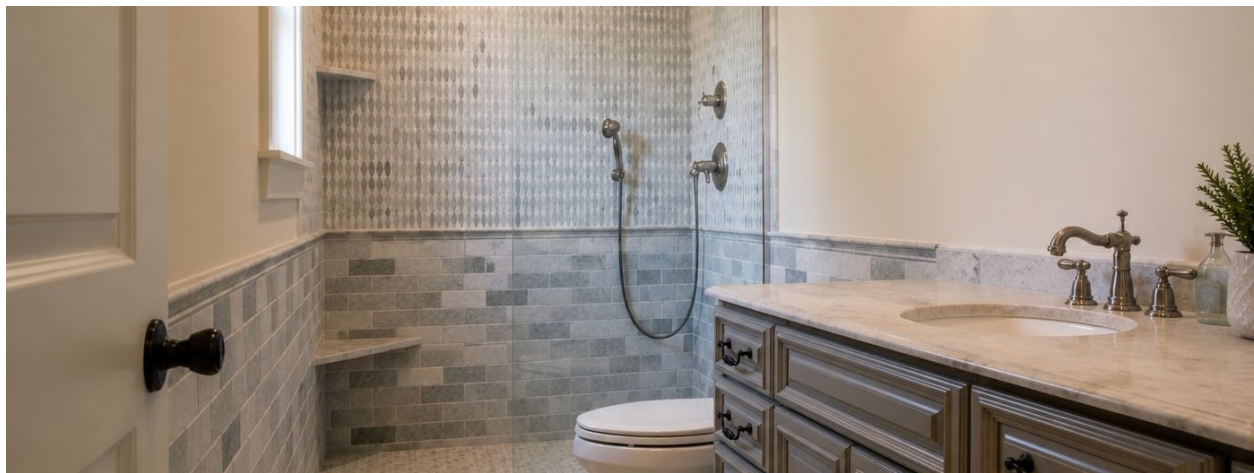
What to know before remodeling your bath or floors

QUICK ANSWER *Plan for moisture, set a realistic budget with a 10% buffer, coordinate materials, and lock in details before demo day.*

A little planning prevents most remodeling headaches. Before the first plank or tile goes down, get clear on these:

- Moisture comes first. In Florida — especially in bathrooms — waterproof materials and proper prep aren't optional.
- Budget with a buffer. Add about 10% for waste and the occasional surprise, like a subfloor repair you couldn't see until demo.
- Coordinate the whole look. Floors, wall tile, backsplash, trim, and baseboards should work together. Seeing samples side by side in your own light prevents costly "buy-twice" mistakes.
- Confirm the timeline & living plan. Know which rooms are off-limits and for how long.
- Measure precisely. Professional laser measurement means a perfect fit and minimal waste.

Remodeling should feel like an upgrade, not an ordeal.



Thoughtful planning turns a remodel into a space you'll love for years.



BONUS CHECKLIST

Your Floor-Finder Checklist

QUICK ANSWER Check the rows that sound like you — the recommended floor on the right is your starting point.

IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE YOU...	START HERE
<input type="checkbox"/> You have pets or young kids at home	Luxury Vinyl (LVP/SPC)
<input type="checkbox"/> It's a bathroom, laundry, kitchen or wet area	Vinyl or Porcelain Tile
<input type="checkbox"/> You want the look & feel of real wood	Engineered Hardwood
<input type="checkbox"/> Resale value is your top priority	Engineered Hardwood or wood-look Vinyl
<input type="checkbox"/> You're working with a tighter budget	Vinyl or Laminate
<input type="checkbox"/> It's a bedroom and you want warmth & comfort	Carpet or soft-look Vinyl
<input type="checkbox"/> High-traffic entryway or busy hallway	Porcelain Tile
<input type="checkbox"/> You want low maintenance & easy cleaning	Luxury Vinyl or Porcelain Tile

Checked more than one?

That's completely normal — most Orlando homes mix two or three materials across different rooms. That's exactly the kind of plan our design team helps you put together, free of charge.

Ready to see your floors before you buy?

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