

comparative costs

Based on over 100 years history of experience with product installation and maintenance from NBS Floorcovering Solutions, the information below compares the cost per square foot of commonly used commercial flooring materials.

This recent examination of flooring costs over a 20-year span illustrates some of the hidden costs involved in the purchase and installation of various materials. It also illustrates the dramatic difference in the cost of these materials. Installation costs are based on the low end of the ranges available for each product, and maintenance is based on an average of manufacturers' recommended procedures.

Comparative Installation and Maintenance Costs

	Install Cost (per square foot)	Annual Maintenance Service Program (per square foot)	Years Avg Life	Replacement/ Recoat Finish Costs (per square foot)	Expense Over 20 Years (per square foot)	Cost Per Year (per square foot)
Carpet Tile	\$3.00 - \$5.00	Extraction/Low Moisture Tech Annual Cost: \$0.25	8	Replacement: \$3.75	\$15.80	\$0.79
Broadloom Carpet	\$2.00 - \$3.00	Extraction/Low Moisture Tech Annual Cost: \$0.25	8	Replacement: \$3.35	\$14.40	\$0.72
Luxury Vinyl Tile	\$6.00 - \$8.00	Spray Buff Weekly: \$0.08 Strip/Recoat Annually: \$0.50	15	Replacement: \$9.20	\$109.80	\$5.49
Vinyl Composition Tile	\$1.75	Spray Buff Weekly: \$0.08 Strip/Recoat Annually: \$0.50	15	Replacement: \$2.40	\$127.40	\$6.37
Vinyl Sheet Flooring Heterogeneous	\$4.50 - \$5.50	Spray Buff Weekly: \$0.08 Strip/Recoat Annually: \$0.50	9	Replacement: \$6.30	\$110.40	\$5.52
Vinyl Sheet Flooring Homogeneous	\$5.94	Spray Buff Weekly: \$0.08 Strip/Recoat Annually: \$0.50	9	Replacement: \$7.70	\$114.60	\$5.73
Rubber	\$8.50	Spray Buff Weekly: \$0.25	20	–	\$28.60	\$1.43
Linoleum	\$5.25	Spray Buff Weekly: \$0.08 Strip/Recoat Annually: \$0.50	20	–	\$98.40	\$4.92
Ceramic Tile	\$9.00 - \$10.00	Light Scrub/Reseal Annually: \$1.50	20	Deep Scrub & Reseal Every 5 Years: \$2.00	\$48.20	\$2.41

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Ceramic Glazed	\$11.20	Light Scrub/Reseal Annually: \$1.50	20	Deep Scrub & Reseal Every 5 Years: \$2.00	\$49.20	\$2.46
Porcelain Tile	\$9.00 - \$11.00	Light Scrub/Reseal Annually: \$1.50	20	Deep Scrub & Reseal Every 5 Years: \$2.00	\$48.00	\$2.40
Granite Glazed	\$12.00	Top Scrub Quarterly: \$0.50	20	Reseal Every 5 Years: \$2.00	\$60.00	\$3.00
Cement Terrazzo	\$18.50	Spray Buff Monthly: \$0.08	20	Hone & Seal Every 10 Years: \$2.00	\$41.80	\$2.09
Stained Concrete	\$4.00	Spray Buff Monthly: \$0.08	20	Reseal Every 5 Years: \$0.50	\$25.20	\$1.26
Polished Concrete	\$3.50	Spray Buff Monthly: \$0.08	20	Reseal Every 5 Years: \$0.50	\$24.80	\$1.24
Wood	\$7.00 - \$12.00	Sweep/Vacuum/Gentle Cleaning Monthly: \$0.00	25 - 100	Resurface Every 10 or 20 Years: \$2.50 - \$3.50	\$29.20	\$1.46

Comparative costs are based on 10,000 square feet. Costs may vary based on square footage, preparation needs, coloring, etc.

The type of facility and foot traffic levels within the facility affects maintenance costs. Daily maintenance such as dust mopping, wet mopping, sweeping, etc., is not included in the maintenance costs.

Service programs are custom designed for each organization's needs.