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I keep hearing about cork flooring. What can you tell me about it?

Natural cork flooring has been used for centuries partially due to its availability, out of which renewability is a major factor. Today, the importance of renewability has become undeniable, balanced against a flooring solution that is both attractive and lasting. In natural cork flooring, all of these prerequisites are in place, providing a residential and commercial flooring solution that makes it very easy to be green!

Cork is made from the bark of cork oak tree, which is renewable. Since it's renewable, it does not cause any harm to the tree and there is virtually a limitless supply of the material. There are trees over two centuries old that still produce the bark, which can be used to make cork.

Natural cork flooring is the result of a strict, environmentally friendly harvesting process and a great solution for keeping your own residential or commercial environment a healthier one. Microbes of various kinds, as well as molds and insects, cannot find easy purchase on the surface of natural cork flooring. In this, for allergy sufferers, natural cork flooring has a natural advantage when you are choosing the best type of flooring that is not only friendly to the environment, but to your health as well. Beyond being environmentally friendly, cork has other attributes that make it a very good option for flooring. It is non-toxic, anti-microbial and soft under foot. As flooring it is hypo-allergic, flame retardant and does not produce static electricity. Care and maintenance of cork floors is also much easier today due to advanced finishes, some containing ceramic micro-beads, providing warranties of 15 years or more. It comes in a variety of colors and sizes, making it the perfect flooring solution for your home.

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