The purpose of this policy is to try to prevent the possible transmission of noise to the first-story apartments. The Mutual recommends carpet or laminate as the floor coverings that transmit the least noise. Hardwood flooring is not allowed. Those units currently having hardwood floors, if any, are “grandfathered in.”

Types of flooring allowed in living room, dining room, bedroom, and hallway: carpet and/or laminate. Laminate flooring may be installed with premium soundproof, moisture protection and shock absorption cushion underlayment padding, minimum 2mm thick. Installation must allow a clearance of 1/4 inch from walls which will be covered by molding.

In kitchen, bathroom, and front entry: vinyl laminate or non-skid ceramic tile with soundproof backing, as stated above, are allowed.

Prior to the installation of any flooring other than carpeting, the owner must obtain a permit from the Golden Rain Foundation, Physical Property Department. A sample of such flooring materials must be presented with the application.