

SOLUTIONS

FLOORS, BLINDS AND MORE

Carpet Care

1) Use Doormats:

To control the amount of dirt that gets tracked onto your carpet doormats should be used at all entrances. Tracked on dirt is a major factor in the wear and appearance of your carpet. These mats should be cleaned regularly. We recommend that you have your carpet professionally cleaned at least once every 2 years (hot water extraction method, commonly called steam cleaning).

2) Vacuum Regularly:

Vacuum slowly and thoroughly with a vacuum equipped with a power brush, taking care to vacuum in the same direction as the carpet pile. Vacuuming across the pile direction greatly reduces effectiveness of the vacuum, as well as causing excessive wear on the seams.

3) Carpet Cleaning:

Regular carpet cleaning is very important to keep up the appearance of new carpet. Foot traffic can deposit oily soils on the pile of the carpet that cannot be removed with vacuuming. As a rule of thumb, carpet should be cleaned before the soiling becomes easily visible.

4) Cleaning Methods:

Wet extraction, usually called steam cleaning. This method involves wetting the carpet and then removing the water and the soil with a vacuum attachment. Care must be taken to avoid replacing any furniture that has metal or wooden legs before the carpet has completely dried, these will permanently stain the carpet.

Dry extraction, such as the 'Host' method. This method involves working in a dry powder and then vacuuming it off along with any dirt that may be in the carpet. Care must be taken to assure that all the dry powder is removed.

Spot cleaning. Most spots can be removed with clear water while they are still wet. Dry powder can be used on dry soil type stain, or liquid tide and water can be used on oily stains. Any spots that require dry cleaning solution or oxidizers should probably only be attempted by a professional cleaner.

5) Sprouting:

Sprouting, or tufts of yarn sticking above the surface of the carpet can be left over from the installation, or may be caused by wear or damage to the carpet. These sprouts should be clipped off as soon as possible with a sharp scissors as even with the top of the carpet as is possible. Failure to clip these sprouts will result in unraveling of the carpet.

6) Frequency of cleaning:

Professional cleaning should be done at least once every 2 years, and spot cleaning as needed. Always rinse any areas that you spot clean with clear water, and blot with a clean white towel.