

MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF RESIDENTIAL CARPET IN HOME CARE

Vacuum weekly using a top loading upright cleaner with a beater bar, vacuum more often in the traffic areas. For proper vacuuming make at least five slow passes over the area. Ideally, use a vacuum that has a high efficiency particulate air filtering system.

When spot cleaning a carpet, the sooner a spot is removed the higher the success ratio will be. Blot the spot with a cloth using plain water or a mild diluted detergent. If the spot remains, use a solvent-based spotter; i.e. Carbona or K2R, and blot. Rinse the spotted area and place paper towels over the wet area. Place a weight, i.e. a book, over the spot to absorb any remaining staining material and moisture. In an inconspicuous area be sure to pretest any chemical.

The carpet needs an overall cleaning when traffic lanes appear. With a hot water extraction machine, use the minimal amount of chemicals. Make additional vacuum passes to compensate for the weak vacuum system in most rental machines.

Carpets should be professionally cleaned every 12-18 months. Some high traffic areas or homes with pets may need a greater frequency. Choose a certified professional cleaner, using a low-moisture, low-residue cleaning system such as a Bane-Clene system. The professional cleaner will be able to provide a superior cleaning, including deodorizing, soil and stain protectors, and anti-static protection. Carpets cleaned in this manner should be dry in less than eight hours.

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