

PROPER CARPET CARE (83)

To extend the life of your carpet it is important to vacuum often. When soil and dirt become embedded in the carpet it becomes abrasive causing wear and difficult to remove ground in soil. It is also important to steam clean the carpet at least once a year.

LAY OF THE PILE

When attempting stain and soil removal always rub with the lay of the pile. When you rub against the lay of the pile it is easier to embed the dirt into the carpet. To determine the lay of the pile rub your hand across the carpet. Rubbing one way which is smooth is rubbing with the lay of the pile and rubbing against the lay of the pile will be rough.

NO DETERGENT

When attempting stain and soil removal do not use regular detergents. Regular detergents tend to remain in the carpet and act as a penetrating agent. This means that the remaining detergent will attract soil and dirt causing the area to become stained and unsightly.

HOME CLEANERS

The only cleaning agents you should use is a foam cleaner made for carpets such as Woolite. For ground in soil apply the foam cleaner and allow sufficient time to loosen the soil. After that use a damp towel and rub the foam cleaner with the lay of the pile.

STAIN REMOVAL

Protein stains-This category of stains have their origin from a living body. Examples of protein stains are eggs, milk, blood, urine.

Preparation-

- (1) Foam Cleaner**
- (2) Household Ammonia**
- (3) White Distilled Vinegar**
- (4) Towel, Damp With Water**

Procedure-

- (1) Wet area with a damp towel.**
- (2) Apply foam cleaner.**
- (3) Rub area.**

- (4) Apply foam cleaner and a little ammonia.
- (5) Dab and rub area with a damp towel.
- (6) Apply a little acetic acid.
- (7) Dab area with a damp towel.

Vacuum area when dry.

Tannin stains-have their origin from vegetable matter. Examples of tannin stains are coffee, tea, soft drinks, wine and liquor.

Preparation-

- (1) Foam Cleaner
- (2) White Distilled Vinegar
- (3) Towel, Damp With Water

Procedure-

- (1) Dab with a wet towel.
- (2) Apply foam cleaner.
- (3) Dab with a wet towel.
- (4) Apply Foam Cleaner and some White Distilled Vinegar.
- (5) Dab and rub with a wet towel.

Vacuum area when dry.

LAST TRACES

When normal stain removal procedures do not remove the protein or tannin stains it may be necessary to use a mild oxidizing agent. This procedure should be tested on an inconspicuous area of the carpet to determine its color safety.

Preparation-

- (1) Hydrogen Peroxide (3%)
- (2) Household Ammonia
- (3) White Vinegar
- (4) Towel, Damp With Water

Procedure-

- (1) Wet area with a damp towel.
- (2) Apply hydrogen peroxide.
- (3) Apply ammonia.
- (4) Wait three minutes.
- (5) Dab with a damp towel.
- (6) Apply vinegar.
- (7) Dab with a damp towel.

Vacuum area when dry.