



# Indoor Environmental Services

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*Your Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning Specialist*

## Carpet Maintenance

You paid a great deal of money for your carpet, so why not maintain it properly to maximize your investment? We have put together some general guidelines which should help you keep your carpet looking and feeling new for years to come.

Regular thorough vacuuming removes soil from among fibers of carpets, thus keeping their good appearance and extending their life. Most carpeted areas need this vacuuming at least once a week. Seldom used areas may not need to be vacuumed as frequently.

Dry soil from shoes, crumbs, etc. may stay on the surface of the carpet for a short period of time before working their way down into the carpet. This surface soil can be removed easily if vacuumed regularly. Vacuuming on a regular basis will also remove dust, pet hairs, and lint before they can be ground into the carpet.

Gritty or heavy soils will sink in between carpet fibers faster and are generally harder to remove from your carpet. Vacuuming is still the best way to remove this gritty soil, but you must go over the same area more than once and be sure to use a slower stroke to allow the suction of the vacuum to pull this grit from your carpet.

Eventually carpets need some type of cleaning to remove soil that sticks to the fibers. How often depends on amount of use and the soil the carpet receives. Have your carpet professionally cleaned periodically. Or you may find it more convenient to have it done professionally each time special cleaning is needed, rather than doing it yourself.

Professional cleaners use similar methods to home cleaning, but they have the knowledge, equipment, and experience necessary to do a more thorough job of removing embedded soil. Professional cleaners can also handle spot removal, re-dyeing, rebinding and repairs. Always alert the cleaner to the location and cause, if known, of spots and stains that require attention.

When selecting a cleaning service, the main factor to consider is the operator's skill and ability. Ask reputable carpet dealers in your area whom they recommend. Satisfied customers may also suggest a cleaner to contact. Rug cleaners of long standing reputation can usually be relied upon to provide satisfactory service. They cannot provide guarantees, however, because of the range of quality and wear they face in the carpets and rugs they clean.

Professional cleaners offering truck-mounted hot water extraction, will have more power to remove soil and water than in a smaller, self contained unit (like the ones you rent). Another professional method using carbonic foams the carpet with the same bubbles as club soda, and less water. This method often leaves less moisture.