

Maintaining Your Home's Carpets

(NAPSA)—Carpeted floors can be one of the most difficult parts of the home to maintain. With foot traffic, pet traffic, spills and messes constantly wearing on your rugs' soft surfaces, keeping them fresh and clean is an ongoing battle.

Here are a few tips for protecting and maintaining the carpeted spaces in your home:

Vacuum Regularly

Dirt and grime can work their way deep into carpet fibers and cause discoloration and odor if left untended for too long. Daily vacuuming of all your home's carpeted surfaces will help eliminate dirt, spills and odors that can potentially set and become stains. Remember to empty your vacuum's collection bag or canister regularly to ensure that it is running efficiently. Placing doormats outside your home's main entrances will also minimize the amount of dirt making its way into your carpets.

Minimize Traffic Impact To Retain Texture

Give the floor coverings in high-traffic areas a break. Place small-area carpets in front of the most-used pieces of furniture around the house and clean them regularly. Periodically rearrange the furniture to shift the traffic patterns in the room, and even out the wear to your carpet caused by heavy sofas and tables. Restore indented carpet areas created by heavy furniture by dampening carpet and using a hair dryer to heat and dry the fibers back into place.

Tend To Stains Right Away

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unavoidable, but the stains and odors they cause are not. Be sure to treat stains immediately with a product like nontoxic Spot Shot Instant Carpet Stain & Odor Eliminator[®], specifically designed for the toughest carpet stains and odors.

Simply coat the stain evenly with Spot Shot and blot until the stain is gone. Spot Shot can tackle everything from red wine and permanent markers to pet stains and odors with its superior cleaning power and performance. Nontoxic, environmentally friendly, certified biodegradable by the Scientific Certification Systems and approved by the Carpet & Rug Institute, Spot Shot permanently eliminates new and old stains, neutralizes odors with powerful dual-odor eliminators and utilizes an anti-resoiling agent to protect carpets from future stains.

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