

CARPET MAINTENANCE



A consistent and thorough maintenance plan, plus a plan to address unusual spills, is absolutely necessary, regardless of the type of floor covering used. Regular maintenance prolongs the floor covering's life, maintains its appearance, and makes a minimal impact on indoor air quality. Carpet maintenance is critical to ensure carpet wears well, keeps its good appearance, and has a long use-life.

MAINTENANCE AND INDOOR AIR QUALITY

The key factor to preserving appearance and providing good IAQ in a healthy environment is proper and regular maintenance, coupled with controlled humidity.

Cleaning floor surfaces should not be based on appearance alone. Health is a vital reason for an effective cleaning and maintenance program. Modern carpet fibers and constructions are engineered to hide soil. Therefore, preventive, frequent vacuuming and extraction cleaning are key factors in preserving the appearance of the carpet and the health of the facility. Preventive maintenance keeps out external contaminants and works to reduce indoor contaminants before they become a concern. Carpet provides an extra benefit because it acts as a filter and holds contaminants, keeping them out of the breathing zone until they can be removed.

Even properly specified and installed carpet can “ugly” quicker than normal or appear worn-out if not maintained adequately. Unless carpet is vacuumed regularly and periodically cleaned, dirt builds up, abrades the fibers and begins to spread. The carpet loses its initial appearance and resilience, tending to crush and mat down, making it appear worn out, even if there is no real pile loss.