

CARE AND CLEANING

General cleaning and maintenance

Our rugs are manufactured with color, design and value in mind. They are also manufactured to last for years to come. But as with all things, care and cleaning will prolong the life of the rug. For general cleaning and maintenance, the following is recommended:

Vacuum regularly to remove surface soil. When vacuuming certain fibers, such as wool, set the beater bar setting to the highest setting to prevent damaging the rug's surface.

- Packing and shipping may cause temporary creases in area rugs. To remove them reverse roll your rug and allow time for the creases to relax.
- Long ends may work to the surface after use or vacuuming. Never pull these ends out of the rug but rather trim them even with the rug's surface.
- Clean spills and spots immediately. Never rub a spill, always blot to prevent fraying of the yarns.
- Periodic professional cleaning is recommended.
- Use an Oriental Weavers rug pad under all rugs, even indoor/outdoor rugs. Refer to the rug pad section of this catalog to browse the complete assortment or ask your Oriental Weavers representative for a recommendation. Using a rug pad will extend the life of the rug.
- Rotate the rug at least once a year, twice if in high traffic areas. No matter how dense the pile yarns or how well constructed the area rug, constant traffic patterns will begin to show. However, this process can be slowed dramatically by rotating the rug. This not only adds years to the rug but also allows the entire rug to wear at the same rate.

Fiber/Construction specific cleaning recommendations

Polypropylene / Nylon / Polyester

- If spills occur, blot as much of the stain as possible with a clean cloth.
- Use a small amount of mild soap and water to clean the area.
- If needed, rug and carpet cleaners that are safe for synthetic materials may be used. As with anything, use sparingly and in a small, inconspicuous area first to test results before applying to the entire rug.
- Blot dry with clean cloth.

Wool

- If spills occur, blot as much of the stain as possible with a clean cloth.
- Use a small amount of mild soap and water to gently clean the area. Avoid the use of excessive water.
- Do not use harsh cleansers on wool, such as bleach and alkalis.
- Blot dry quickly with clean cloth to limit yellowing or browning that can naturally occur with damp wool.
- Excessive agitation and heat should be avoided.
- Avoid direct sunlight to prevent fading.
- All wool rugs shed. Shedding will decline over time.
- Period professional cleaning is recommended.

Jute

- Jute is a natural fiber and requires regular cleaning to look its best long term.
- Vacuum regularly on a low power/high pile setting.
- Do not steam clean or wet jute due to natural fibers' ability to shrink.
- If spills occur, blot as much of the stain as possible with a clean cloth.
- Next, use a clean cloth with a small amount of warm water to gently blot the spill. Be careful not to saturate.
- Air dry, do not hang as fibers may stretch.
- Do not dry clean.
- Avoid direct sunlight to prevent fading.
- For best results, professional cleaning is recommended.

Shag Rugs

- For best results in shag rugs, vacuum regularly with canister vacuum cleaners or with a beater bar on its highest pile setting.
- If spills occur, blot as much of the stain as possible with a clean cloth.
- Use a small amount of mild soap and water to clean the area.
- If needed, rug and carpet cleaners that are safe for synthetic materials may be used. As with anything, use sparingly and in a small, inconspicuous area first to test results before applying to the entire rug.
- Periodic professionally cleaning is recommended.

Indoor/Outdoor Rugs

- If spills occur, blot as much of the stain as possible with clean cloth or paper towel.
- Apply mild soap and water to a clean sponge to remove the remainder of the spill.
- Allow area to dry.
- To clean the entire surface of the indoor/outdoor rug, spray with a mixture of mild soap and water and rinse with garden hose.