

CARPET CARE BASICS

BASIC TIPS FOR CARPET “LONGEVITY”

Vacuum Regularly

You can't vacuum too often. Vacuum cleaners with a beater bar raise the pile in the carpet while removing the soil.

Use Entrance Mats

Minimize the amount of soil that gets tracked in by having mats at both inside and outside entrances in your home.

Clean Up Stains Promptly

For best results, clean up stains as soon as you can. Blot or gently rub with a white cloth. Diluting the spill with water and blotting repeatedly will work to remove most spills. Refrain from scrubbing or brushing.

Clean Periodically

It's best to clean your carpet before traffic patterns begin to show.

MAJOR CLEANING TIPS

Pay Attention to Temperature

Never allow your cleaning solution/water temperature to exceed 150 F when ready to apply.

Dilute Cleaning Solutions Properly

Dilute detergent solutions according to manufacturer's recommendations. PH balance is important.

DISPOSAL OF “WASTEWATER”

Regardless of who cleans your carpet, proper disposal of carpet cleaning “wastewater” is essential. The waste from this process includes pollutants such as phosphorus, ammonia, and solids (extracted from your carpet). Only dispose of wastewater in an interior drain such as a utility sink. *Never* allow wastewater to be disposed of outside. Professional carpet cleaners may contact the City of Eugene's Wastewater Treatment Plant at 541-682-8626 for disposal information.



The Eugene Municipal Code (section 6.446 (3)) prohibits the discharge into the city stormwater drainage system any substance other than stormwater, except discharges resulting from fire fighting activities, or discharges authorized by written permission of the City Manager or the City Manager's designee. Discharge of carpet cleaning wastewater to the city's stormwater drainage system, lawns, ditches, gutters, parking lots, surface water areas or into groundwater is prohibited.



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