

Carpet - Maintenance

There are many tips to consider keeping your carpet looking new; however, we will keep it as simple as possible with these three easy steps listed below:

- Frequent vacuuming! Carpet fibers trap allergens and other particles. Vacuuming frequently will effectively remove them which will help carpets last longer and keep the appearance.
 - o Light traffic areas should be vacuumed at least twice a week
 - o Heavy traffic areas should be vacuumed more frequently!
 - o Be sure to inspect your vacuum from time to time to ensure that is operating properly
- Professional carpet cleaning also helps prolong the life of the carpet.
- Be quick to remove any stains or spots. Be sure to use the proper cleaning solutions to clean up the stains and spots. A guide from the Carpet and Rug Institute has been provided for you to use.
 - o Don't saturate the carpet with the cleaning solutions!
 - Never scrub, brush or use a circular motion to clean up stains on carpet. This can destroy the texture and the fibers of the carpet.

<u>Luxury Vinyl Tile and Plank – Maintenance</u>

Your new luxury vinyl tile/plank is a low-maintenance product, and only requires regular cleaning using a damp mop.

Many times, residents may call requesting ways to clean up stains or spots. Below are a few tips to keep in mind when removing stains or spots from vinyl tile and/or plank:

- 1. Wipe up stain/spot immediately with a paper towel or cloth.
- 2. If the spot or stain has already dried, you can use a plastic scraper to remove the stain.
- 3. If the spot does not come up using this method, you can use a clear odorless mineral spirit and rub with circular motions over the whole area. Be sure to do a test in an inconspicuous area to check for compatibility of the mineral spirits and flooring.