



How To Keep Your Carpet Looking Good

So, you just moved into this cool new place with nice carpet and you're wondering how to keep it that way? Carpet is a great thing to have on the floor, it's soft and quiet, but it needs your help to protect it from...well, life. Here are some tips for you to make your carpet last as long as it should.

1) Probably the most important tip we can give is to **take your shoes off before you walk on your carpet**. A family of four can bring in up to 20lbs of dirt from outside on the bottoms of their shoes, in the course of one year. That dirt gets ground into the carpet and damages the fibers causing the carpet to look prematurely worn.

2) If you like to put lotions on your feet to keep them silky smooth, you should **wear socks before you walk around on your carpet**. The oils, creams and conditioners in lotion will build up in your carpet where you walked, causing the carpet to attract more dirt and dust. This will cause uneven and premature wear patterns in the carpet.

3) **Don't let your animals go potty on your carpet**. It's nearly impossible to get the smell of animal urine out of the carpet backing and pad underneath it. Because of this, you need to make sure your pet always has a place to do their 'business', whether that's in a box or outside.



4) **If you spill something on your carpet, act quickly**. Work to get as much of what was spilled, cleaned up, before the stain can set in. Use a warm and slightly damp towel to blot up the spill. Never scrub or use chemicals on your carpet as this usually damages the carpet. If you are left with a stain, ask the property manager to refer you to a professional carpet cleaner.

5) **NEVER shampoo your own carpets**. More carpets need to be replaced because of improper cleaning than from the staining the carpet had to begin with. Ask your property manager to refer you to a professional carpet cleaner. You'll get the best results and save money in the long run. A carpet clean is always cheaper than a carpet replacement.

6) **Vacuum, Vacuum, Vacuum**. Do this at least once a week and set the brush depth so that the tip of the carpet gets brushed, never all the way down, it untwists the yarn.

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How To Keep Your Vinyl/Vinyl Plank Looking Good

So, you just moved into this cool new place with nice vinyl/vinyl plank and you're wondering how to keep it that way? Vinyl is tough stuff but it's not invincible. Here are some tips for you to make your vinyl last as long as it should.

1) When moving stuff across your new vinyl floor, **make sure to lift it and never drag anything across the vinyl**. Dragging stuff will damage the floor, causing it to require replacing.

2) **Make sure to use adhesive felt pads on your larger furniture and heavier objects**. This way, if the furniture does get bumped or dragged on accident, the felt will act as a buffer to alleviate possible scratching.

3) **Consider taking your shoes off before you go inside**. A family of four can bring in up to 20lbs of dirt from outside on the bottoms of their shoes, in the course of a year. This dirt can get ground into the vinyl, scratching and gouging it, which will make your vinyl look prematurely worn.



4) **Only use floor cleaners that are intended to clean vinyl**. Using the right cleaner will ensure you get a clean floor without possibly damaging the vinyl's surface in the process. Read the back of the bottle and if it doesn't say safe for vinyl, don't use it.

*A little life-hack from **1UP**... one cup apple cider vinegar per gallon of warm water will clean and disinfect, without harming the environment.

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