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AREAS

Care & Cleaning of Montecito

45% New Zealand wool and 55% jute

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Maintaining your quality purchase will repay you by keeping its beauty for many years.

- Natural fibers are inherently absorbent and should not be placed in areas that are damp or where spills are likely to occur (kitchens, bathrooms, basements, and porches).
 - Vacuum regularly. Frequent vacuuming is a carpet's best friend.
 - This will remove the fine dirt particles that can lodge between the fibers and cause additional wear. For best results, use a vacuum with strong suction and brush attachment or beater bar.
- Remove spills immediately (see additional information below).
- Professionally clean as needed. Never steam clean or wet-shampoo a natural fiber floor covering.

STEPS FOR SPOT REMOVAL

One of the most crucial areas of carpet maintenance is removal of spots and spills. Acting quickly when anything is spilled or dropped, and always having the necessary cleaning materials at hand are of the utmost importance.

- Remove spills immediately.
 - Liquid spills act as a magnet to any dirt particles that are in the carpet, causing the dirt to rise to the surface. This dirt may cause a dark stain. Immediately blot - do not rub - the spot with a clean, absorbent white cloth or paper towel. Rubbing can work the liquid deeper into the fibers, making the spill more likely to stain the carpet.
 - To remove spots caused by solid substances, first remove any remaining material. Scrape it up with a spoon, always working from the outside of the spot toward the center.
- Pretest spot-removal in an inconspicuous area.
- Apply the cleaning agent listed on the spot removal chart (right) to an absorbent towel and begin to blot up the spill with a blotting motion. Flip cloth to prevent reapplying soil.
- Do not over use water.
- Work inwards from the edge of the spot to prevent excess spreading.
- Wait a few minutes for the cleaning agent to work on the spot. Follow recommended directions.
- Once the cleaning agent has removed the spot, blot excessive moisture by applying pressure with paper towels or a dry absorbent cloth.

FOR ALL OVER CLEANING

- Professionally clean as needed. Never steam clean or wet-shampoo a natural fiber floor covering which can cause shrinkage, discoloration, and/or staining. Please be aware that proper maintenance on natural products calls for Dry Clean Only.

STAIN TREATMENT CHART

NATURAL FIBER SPOT CLEANING CHART			
TYPE OF SPILL	STEP 1	TYPE OF SPILL	STEP 1
Beer or Liquor	A or D	Ketchup	A or C
Blood	A or D	Lipstick	A or B
Butter	A or B	Mascara	A or B
Candy	A or E	Mayonnaise	A or C
Coffee	A or E	Merthiolate	A and E
Chocolate	A or D	Milk	A and E
Crayon	B and A	Nail Polish	I and A
Egg	A or C	Oil - cooking	A or B
Feces	A or C	Oil - furniture	A or B
Food Coloring	C and A	Paint - latex	A or F
Fruit Juice	A or E	Paint - oil base	A or B
Furniture Polish	A or C	Rust	A
Glue - model	I	Shoe Polish	A or B
Glue - white	C and A	Soft Drinks	A or E
Gravy	A or E	Tar	A and B
Gum	A or G	Tea	A or D
Hair Spray	A or B	Urine	A or E
Hand Lotion	A or B	Wax	G
Ice Cream	A or E	Watercolors	A or F
Ink	A or B	Wine	A or E

See the definitions of "solvent," "detergent," "vinegar" and "ammonia" below:

A	Use HOST Dry Cleaner for Carpets
B	Solvent, blot, detergent, blot, water, blot
C	Detergent, blot, ammonia, blot, detergent, blot, water, blot
D	Detergent, blot, vinegar, blot, detergent, blot, water, blot
E	Detergent, blot, ammonia, blot, vinegar, blot, detergent, blot, water, blot
F	Detergent, blot, ammonia, blot, water, blot, solvent, blot
G	Freeze with ice cube, shatter with blunt object, vacuum, solvent, blot (for wax, place paper over wax, iron with warm - not hot - iron to absorb)
H	(for wax, place paper over wax, iron with warm - not hot - iron to absorb)
I	Acetone polish remover, blot, repeat

Solvent = HOST Spot Remover, or any commercial dry cleaning solvent
Detergent = 1 tsp laundry detergent (without bleach) + 1 cup lukewarm water
Vinegar = 1/4 cup white vinegar + 1/4 cup water
Ammonia = 1 tsp clear household ammonia and 1/2 cut water