

YOU CHOOSE IT. WE'LL CLEAN IT.

How MilliCare Complies with Carpet Manufacturer's Maintenance Recommendations

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Shaw Recommendations

Developing Maintenance Schedule: Carpet maintenance must be established as a scheduled program, rather than a random series of infrequent cleanings and reactions to soiling conditions. Tailor the design of the program to the amount of traffic and type of soiling, both of which vary by area.

Interim Cleaning:

Low moisture encapsulation systems efficiently improve appearance with limited down time. The certified CRI Seal of Approval cleaning agent, is applied and mechanically agitated into the carpet pile, allowed to dry, then vacuumed to removed encapsulated soil. In conjunction with scheduled hot water extraction, the low moisture method helps maintain premium carpet appearance.

(source: Shaw's "Instant Reference Guide for Successful Carpet Care")

Hot Water Extraction: Hot water extraction cleans the oily materials that vacuums can't remove, which accounts for 15 percent of all soil. The frequency of hot water extraction should be defined by the maintenance schedule. If the carpet looks dull or dirty between cleanings the frequency should be increased. Proximity to areas with a high content of oily soil may require more frequent hot water extractions.

Steps to follow:

1. Thoroughly vacuum all carpet.
2. Apply a traffic lane cleaner certified by the CRI Seal of Approval Program (www.carpet-rug.org).
3. Agitate carpet to allow cleaner to penetrate. Allow 10 min. dwell time.
4. Extract with an extraction unit that can apply rinse water at a rate greater than one gallon per minute, with sufficient recovery power to avoid overwetting the carpet. Do not use extraction machines that recycle the water.
5. Use fans or air movers to decrease drying times.

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- ✓ A MilliCare provider will meet with you, assess your traffic patterns and amount of traffic and design a plan that will optimize the carpet's appearance, life expectancy and assure a healthy indoor environment.
- ✓ MilliCare dry carpet cleaning system is a low moisture, encapsulating method certified by the CRI Seal of Approval program. (see below)
- ✓ MilliCare provides hot water extraction following the steps listed by Shaw, if needed. Our experience shows that in most cases the MilliCare system is the only deep cleaning necessary.

In addition, MilliCare dry carpet cleaning process provides the following benefits:

- MilliCare can help contribute on a number of LEED EBOM certification categories: Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, and Indoor Environmental Quality
- Reduces the use of water and electricity in your facility
- MilliCare uses Green Seal certified products
- MilliCare meets or exceeds all Carpet & Rug Institute (CRI) standards
- MilliCare products are WoolSafe approved
- MilliCare can also provide a wide range of entry protection systems

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