# Developing a Planned Commercial Carpet Maintenance Program





















# **Commercial Markets**

(As Defined by Carpet Manufacturers)

- Office Buildings
- Retail
- Food Service
- Health Care
- Apartments, Rentals
- Education
- Transportation
- Hospitality















# Commercial Carpet Cleaning versus Residential Carpet Cleaning

- Amount of traffic
- Amount and type of soiling
- Type of carpet
- Maintenance schedule

















# Most Commercial Carpet Cleaning is Appearance Demand Carpet Cleaning

- Unacceptable appearance in a commercial facility will eventually force cleaning
- Carpet is designed to hide soiling. By the time it looks dirty, it is filthy.
- Most carpet is cleaned because the appearance has already reached an unacceptable level







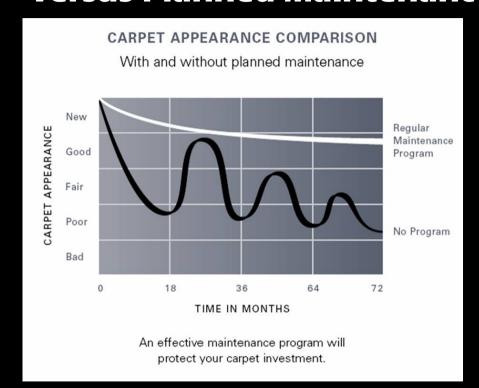








# The Value of Planned Carpet Maintenance Appearance Demand Cleaning versus Planned Maintenance













#### The Value of Planned Carpet Maintenance

# **Benefits of Planned Carpet Maintenance**

- 1. Asset Management
- 2. Appearance Management
- 3. Professional Image
- 4. A Healthier Indoor Environment
- 5. Reduce or Control "Ownership Costs"















## The Value of Planned Carpet Maintenance

# 1. Asset Management

- Carpet is a major investment. Any commercial facility wants the maximum value out of an investment.
- You can pay for proper maintenance now...
  or you can pay for premature carpet
  replacement or lost image later.
- The carpet will have a longer useful life, present a more prestigious image, and support a more aesthetically pleasant workplace.













### 1. Asset Management

# Why did the facility purchase the carpet they did?

- Color
- Style
- Pattern
- Insulation
- Aesthetics
- Safety
- Acoustics
- Image
- "Concealability" hides soiling

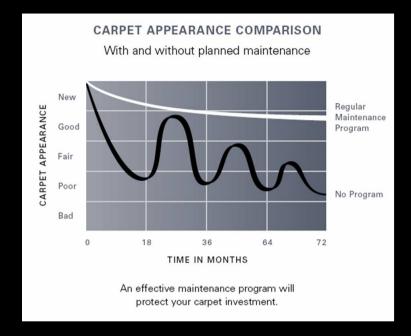
How does maintenance (or lack thereof) effect this?





# 2. Appearance Management

- Provide a continuous high level of appearance
- The carpet can look good all the time
- The carpet never reaches that unacceptable appearance point















# 3. Professional Image

- Décor = high quality image
- A clean and refreshed carpet enhances reputation of company















#### 4. A Healthier Indoor Environment

- EPA sponsored studies in 1991 and 1994 on the interaction of carpet cleaning and indoor environmental quality confirm a cleaner carpet is a healthier carpet
- Government mandates against carpet in Sweden and subsequent tests show replacing carpet with hard surfaces reduces indoor environmental quality because carpet was acting as a filter









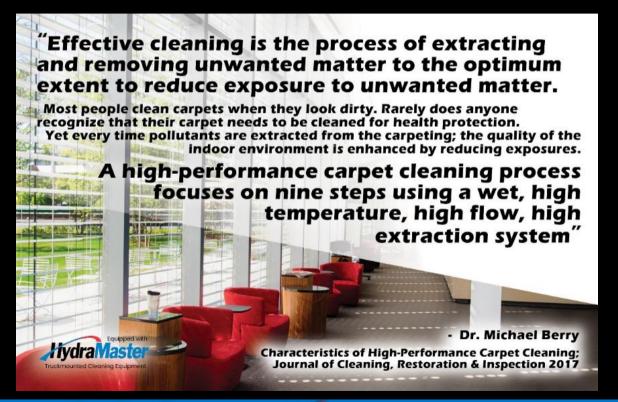








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Substances in Carpet	Mitigation guidance	Vacuuming Effect	HV Extraction Effect	
Soils	Walk-off mat and frequent vacuuming	High	High	
Atmospheric Dusts	Vacuuming Cleaning and Ventilation	Moderate to High	High	
Toxic PM	Walk-off mat and frequent vacuuming	Moderate to High,	High	
Fibers	Containment	High	High	
VOC	Ventilation	N/A N/A		
Chemical/Pesticide	Activity management	Low High		
Allergens				
Pollen	Walk-off mat and frequent vacuuming	High	High	
Fungi	Dry, walk-off mat and frequent vacuuming	High	High	
Mycotoxin	Dry, walk-off mat and frequent vacuuming	Moderate to High	High	
Mite	Dry, frequent vacuuming	Moderate to High	Moderate to High	
Cockroach	Dry, frequent vacuuming	Moderate to High	Moderate to High	
Cat and Dog	Activity management	Moderate	Moderate to High	
Infectious Agents				
Bacteria A.	Frequent cleaning	Low to Moderate	Moderate to High	
Endotoxin	Frequent cleaning	Moderate to High	High	
Viruses	Frequent cleaning	Low	High	



















Table 1

#### 4. A Healthier Indoor Environment

The value of heat in the cleaning process should also be reinforced at this point.

- Most understand that the use of heat accelerates most chemical reactions resulting in deeper cleaning and often reduced drying times.
- But the use of heat in the role of the removal and treatment of unwanted substances, including biological germs and viruses has been scientifically measured and demonstrated in studies (conducted between 1991 and 2014) sponsored by
  - **Division of the United States Environmental Protection Agency**
  - **Research Triangle Institute**
  - **Air Quality Sciences**
  - **Airmid Health Group**
  - **Others**















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 Measured reductions in biological contaminants can be clearly demonstrated in carpets, textiles, upholstery, and hard surface floors after the use of high performance truckmounted cleaning equipment that can maintain temperatures across the surfaces being cleaned of 160°+ F.

















# 4. A Healthier Indoor Environment The Effects of Cleaning on COVID-19

"The virus has a lipid envelope that is not protective, rendering it susceptible to inactivation by detergents"

"As a general rule (with educated limitations), the higher the cleaning

temperature the better."

#### Dr. Eugene Cole





















#### 4. A Healthier Indoor Environment

# **Effects on Cleaning Procedures**

**Changes in Frequency Recommendations?** 

Traffic Level	Vacuum	Spot Clean	Hot Water Extraction
Light	2-3 times weekly	as needed	annually
Moderate	daily	as needed	twice annually
Heavy	1+ times daily	as needed	quarterly
Exta Heavy	1+ times daily	as needed	minimum monthly/as needed

Light traffic: private offices and cubicles

Moderate traffic: shared offices, interior hallways and conference rooms

Heavy traffic: entrances, elevators, main hallways, break rooms, work/copy rooms and mailrooms

Extra Heavy traffic: airports & entries to hospitals, malls & theaters \*extra heavy traffic and soiling require frequent attention

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#### **Recommended Cleaning Intervals for Carpet**

Environment	Normal	Special Condition	Cleaning Frequency
Day care	1 wk	Epidemic	daily
Nursing homes	1 mo	High humidity	1 wk
Restaurants	1 mo	Dusty homes	1 wk
Schools	36 mo	Dusty outside	1–2 mo
Family residence	6-12 mo	Children & pets	3–6 mo
Office building	6-12 mo	Ground level	3–6 mo

Table 2

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#### 4. A Healthier Indoor Environment

# **Benefits of Deep Cleaning**

- Extraction and removal of unwanted matter
- The sanitizing effect (decontamination) of hot cleaning solution
- Restoring confidence in the safety and 3) healthfulness of their facility
- Reassurance to employees, customers, vendors, 4) and all stake holders



# Clean for health, not just for appearance













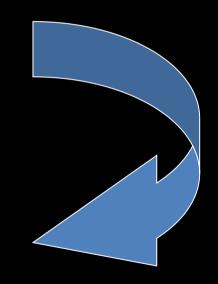




### 5. Reduce or Control Carpet "Ownership" Costs

What are carpet "ownership" costs?

- Floor prep costs
- **Downtime**
- Installation
- Cost of carpet
- Maintenance
- **Downtime**
- Tear Up
- Floor prep costs

















# 5. Reduce or Control Carpet "Ownership" Costs -

Scenario 1

# 10,000 square foot installation

Floor prep costs \$1,000.00

Downtime \$10,000.00

Installation \$13,200.00 Cost of carpet \$49,500.00

Maintenance \$10,000.00

Downtime \$10,000.00

Tear Up \$2,500.00

Floor prep costs \$1,000.00











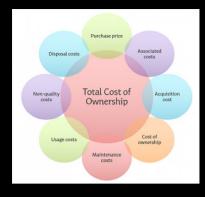
# 5. Reduce or Control Carpet "Ownership" Costs - Scenario 1

10,000 square foot installation

\$97,200.00 **Total Ownership Cost** 

Divided by estimated life

\$19,440.00 **Ownership Cost Per Year** 















# 5. Reduce or Control Carpet "Ownership" Costs -

Scenario 2

10,000 square foot installation

\$1,000.00 Floor prep costs

**Downtime** \$10,000.00

\$13,200.00 Installation

\$49,500.00 Cost of carpet

\$30,000.00 X 3 Maintenance

\$10,000.00 **Downtime** 

\$2,500.00 Tear Up

\$1,000.00













5. Reduce or Control Carpet "Ownership" Costs -Scenario 2

10,000 square foot installation

**Total Ownership Cost** \$117,200.00

Divided by estimated life

**Ownership Cost Per Year** \$16,745.00

A SAVINGS of almost \$2700 per year











### **Pre-inspection**

- Construction of the carpet has a major impact on cleaning and spotting.
- Most cleaning related problems can be prevented by an accurate assessment, scope, pre-inspection, and explanation of the job to and for the carpet owner
- Non-trafficked areas still need to be cleaned due to:
  - **Bio-pollutants**
  - Airborne soils
  - Volatile organic compounds
  - **Contaminant build-up**























## **Components of a Planned Maintenance Program:**

- 1. Soil Control/Prevention
- 2. Daily/Periodic Maintenance
- 3. Appearance Management/Interim Cleaning
- 4. Restorative "Deep" Cleaning









# **Analyzing Building Use and Floor Plan**

To set up a Planned Commercial Maintenance Program several aspects need to be taken into consideration.

1. The type of building involved, single or multistory, size of building. This will determine to a large extent the type of carpet cleaning equipment that will be used.















# **Analyzing Building Use and Floor Plan**

2. The type of commercial activity involved needs to be considered. This will determine the length of time between cleanings, how much time is allowed to complete the cleaning, whether or not the building or area can be shut down during the cleaning process. The type, and amount of traffic has a bearing on the cleaning schedule.













# Analyzing Building Use and Floor Plan

3. The exterior of the building is an important area for planned maintenance. A lot of soils are tracked in or carried in with air currents. Proper cleaning of parking lots and entrance aprons to buildings, entrance mats both exterior and interior should be planned.







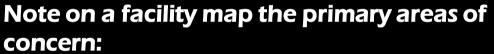






# **Analyzing Building Use and Floor** Plan

4. A floor plan of each level of the building needs to be considered and areas assigned a category for proper cleaning schedules to be determined.



- ✓ Track-off areas
- **Funnel areas**
- ✓ Main traffic areas
- ✓ Spot prone areas







Potential Sources for Floor Plan: Evacuation Plan, Blueprints









# Analyzing Building Use and Floor Plan

5. The type of floor covering needs to be determined. Where they are located in relation to each other and in the building has to be taken into consideration. A tile floor preceding carpet will require the carpet to be vacuumed and cleaned more frequently, due to soils being tracked off of the tile floors. A square footage of each area needs to be known.













#### **Analyzing Building Use and Floor Plan**

- The type of floor covering needs to be determined.
  - Hard surface:
    - Concrete
    - Vinyl
    - VCT/VLP
    - Wood
    - Tile
    - Stone
  - Carpet:
    - Type of carpet, type of construction, type of fibers, style, dye methods, manufacturers cleaning recommendations, type of installation.













#### **Recommended Cleaning Frequencies**

Soil and Traffic Level	Vacuum	Spot Removal	Appearance Maintenance Cleaning	Restorative Cleaning
<b>Light</b> Private offices, cubicles	2+ times per week	As needed	2-4 times per year	1 times per year
Medium Interior hallways, shared offices, conference rooms	3+ times per week	As needed	4 times per year	2 times per year
Heavy General entrances, lobbies, main hallways	1+ times per day	As needed	4-6 times per year	2-4 times per year
Severe Severe climate general entrances, food service	1+ times per day	As needed	N.A.	12+ times per year









# **Assign Area Designations**

Each area of the building needs to be assigned a category based upon the amount of traffic it receives or type of area it is. Then a maintenance program can be established based upon each area. Category 1: Severe Traffic Areas
Category 2: Heavy Traffic Areas
Category 3: Medium Traffic Areas
Category 4:Light Traffic Areas

Consider the Profile of the Area: Understand the use and importance of the area - high profile vs. low profile. Areas that customers go, VIP offices, conference rooms, etc..











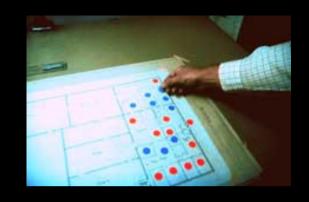
# **Prepare and Use Drawings**

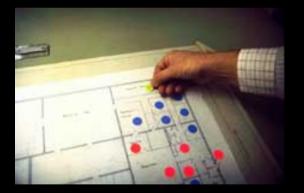
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**Category 2: Heavy Traffic Areas** 

**Category 3: Medium Traffic Areas** 

**Category 4:Light Traffic Areas** 









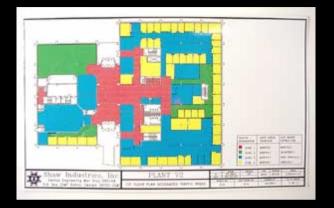






## **Putting The Plan On Paper**

- Computer Assisted Planning
  - Word processing program (Microsoft Word) to customize procedures
  - Graphics program for color coding map













# Category 1: Severe Traffic Areas:

Examples: Airports, Entries to Hospitals, Malls & Theaters Cleaning schedule:

- 1. Vacuuming: All areas need to be vacuumed with a <u>commercial grade vacuum cleaner</u> on a <u>daily</u> <u>basis</u>. <u>Vacuums which use HEPA filters are recommended</u>.
- 2. Spot Cleaning: All areas need to be spot cleaned as needed by a trained professional using proper techniques to insure the use of proper chemicals, agitation, and rinsing. Standard procedures do not require pre-spotting, rather the carpet should be cleaned normally then spots cleaned after, if residue remains.
- 3. Interim Maintenance Cleaning: Carpet needs to be cleaned on a <u>weekly basis</u> using a <u>low</u> moisture encapsulation cleaning system.
- 4. Restorative Cleaning: This should be performed on a monthly basis to remove any residues from Interim Maintenance Cleaning procedures, to remove deeply imbedded soil, refresh the texture of the carpet and for overall Indoor Air Quality. This should be done utilizing a Hot Water Extraction truck mounted equipment or a High performance portable machine.

Yellow equals variables that could change from proposal to proposal











# **Category 2: Heavy Traffic Areas:**

Examples: entrances, showrooms, lobbies, corridors, stairs, hallways, retail sales floors, executive offices, clerical office areas, food service areas, elevators, channeled traffic flow areas, break rooms, mail rooms

#### Cleaning schedule:

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- 3. Interim Maintenance Cleaning: Carpet needs to be cleaned on a <u>weekly basis</u> using <u>a low</u> <u>moisture encapsulation carpet cleaning system</u>
- 4. Restorative Cleaning: This should be performed on a <u>quarterly basis</u> to remove any residues from Interim Maintenance Cleaning procedures, to remove deeply imbedded soil, refresh the texture of the carpet and for overall Indoor Air Quality. This should be done <u>utilizing a Hot Water Extraction truck mounted equipment or a high performance portable machine.</u>







# Category 3: Medium Traffic Areas

Examples: some hallways, shared offices, conference rooms Cleaning schedule:

- Vacuuming: All areas need to be vacuumed with a commercial grade vacuum cleaner on a daily basis.
- Spot Cleaning: All areas need to be spot cleaned as needed by a trained professional using proper 2. techniques to insure the use of proper chemicals, agitation, and rinsing. Standard procedures do not require prespotting, rather the carpet should be cleaned normally then spots cleaned after, if residue remains.
- Interim Maintenance Cleaning: Carpet needs to be cleaned on a monthly basis using a low 3. moisture encapsulation carpet cleaning system.
- Restorative Cleaning: This should be performed every six months to remove any residues from 4. Interim Maintenance Cleaning procedures, to remove deeply imbedded soil, refresh the texture of the carpet and for overall Indoor Air Quality. This should be done utilizing a Hot Water Extraction truck mounted equipment or a High performance portable machine.









# Category 4: Light Traffic Areas:

**Examples: Private Offices & Cubicles** 

**Cleaning schedule:** 

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- 4. Restorative Cleaning: This should be performed <u>every six months</u> to remove any residues from Interim Maintenance Cleaning procedures, to remove deeply imbedded soil, refresh the texture of the carpet and for overall Indoor Air Quality. This should be done utilizing <u>Hot Water</u> <u>Extraction truck mounted equipment or a High performance portable machine.</u>











# The Facility Manager's Role In A Successful Program

- Specification of the right carpet for the environment it is installed in
- Maintenance of Entry Walkways, Sidewalks
- Use of walk off mats/grids
- Periodic cleaning/servicing of the air handling system
- Building design/usage considerations
- Thorough vacuuming with commercial vacuum at the recommended frequency
- Spot & Spill removal on an as-needed basis











# The Cleaning Contractor's Role In A Successful Program

- Emergency stain removal
- Low moisture carpet cleaning on an interim basis to maintain appearance at recommended frequencies
- Restorative deep cleaning utilizing hot water extraction process that employs high flow, high vacuum, high temperature for a healthier environment and investment extension
- Accelerated drying processes when deep cleaning is employed









# **Each Customized Program Should Include:**

- Color Coded Map
- Written Procedures Plan
- Daily, Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, Annual Procedures
- Follow-Up On Every Job
- Emergency Response Plan
- Water Damage and Intrusion Plan
- Certificate of clean and healthy
- Itemized pricing and bid sheet
- Post deep cleaning re-assurance quote for air or surface treatment with EPA N list approved disinfectant/sanitizer or gas phase treatment











#### A few thoughts on hard surface cleaning Biological contamination – cleaning for health

- Studies have shown that biological contamination can spread throughout a facility on a hard surface floor.
- The mop and bucket and/or auto-scrubbers typically used to clean these types of floors have not demonstrated a high level of effectiveness at removing or inactivating this biological contamination
- Restorative deep cleaning on a periodic basis will effectively deal with this contamination
- Ask for your no-obligation quote















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