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## *Tips for maintaining the beauty and extending the life of your carpet.*

### **Entrance Mats**

Using entrance mats inside and outside of doorways will reduce the amount of soil brought onto your carpet. As much as 75% of the dirt and grime in your carpet is tracked-in soil.

### **Vacuuming**

Nothing is more important for maintaining beautiful, long lasting carpet than vacuuming. Dry soil is abrasive and can actually damage carpet fibers, causing accelerated wear. In addition to creating a dingy, poor appearance, it will also diminish the effectiveness of your stain-resistant protective coating. A vacuum with a beater bar will give the best results.

### **Professional Cleaning**

Periodically, have your carpet and upholstery professionally cleaned. Most carpet manufacturers recommend hot water extraction as the best method for cleaning carpet, and many require hot water extraction cleaning as a warranty requirement. Do not use do-it-yourself wet shampooing or dry cleaning methods on carpets. They can leave a residue which actually attracts and holds dirt.

### **Clean Up Spill Immediately**

The quicker you attend to a spill, the easier it is to remove. Always blot the spill. Use a clean, white absorbent cloth. Never rub or use a brush. Rubbing can actually make the stain worse and permanently alter the look of the carpet fiber or fabric.

### **Spot Removal**

Valley City Services' **SPOT OUT** is ideal for removing all types of spots and stains. When removing spots, always pre-test the spot remover on a hidden area of your carpet or fabric. apply a small amount and blot it with a clean white cloth. If any color appears on your cloth or you see any color change, do not use the spot remover. After testing, apply the spot remover to your cloth, and blot it onto the spot. Repeat until the spot is gone. Next, rinse by applying water to the area and placing layers of towels over the area then place something heavy on the towels. Remove in 12 to 24 hours.

### **Carpet and Fabric Protection**

Scotchgard Carpet & Upholstery Protector is the perfect solution for protecting your carpets and upholstery from soil and stains. It also helps to extend the life of your carpets and upholstery by making the removal of dirt easier, and by helping restore stain blocking performance for easier food and spot removal.