



# Montreal Cleaning and Care

## Preventative Care

Regular cleaning and maintenance are recommended to get the most out of your carpet. The amount of cleaning needed will depend on traffic and types of dirt and grime it's exposed to. We recommend using a doormat, runner or other absorbent, durable dirt barrier at each of the building's entrances to catch the bulk of dirt being brought in. The best way to capture dust and dirt once its inside is to use a vacuum cleaner with rotating brushes.

## Stain Removal

Always try to remove any stain as quickly as possible, as this reduces the chance that it will become permanent. Always remove larger particles, such as food, with a spoon and then wipe the stain with a damp cloth or kitchen roll. In instances where a damp cloth will be insufficient to remove the stain there are other methods that can be used to clean the affected area.

### Soap

Add one tablespoon of soap powder to 25cl of water and work into the carpet using a cloth. Repeat until either the stain has been removed or no more comes away onto the cloth.

### Stain remover

There are several carpet stain removers on the market and instructions on their use can be found on their labels, which should always be followed for safe and effective stain removal.

## Deep Cleaning

To preserve your carpet, we recommend they are deep cleaned on a regular basis. There are numerous ways to deep clean carpets yourself, through machine hire or buying the right cleaning products. We always recommend hiring a professional carpet cleaner, who will have more professional cleaning equipment than you'd be able to hire and will be more experienced in how to properly clean and care for your carpet. We recommend three methods of cleaning, listed below.

### Extraction Cleaning

A mixture of water and cleaning solutions, extraction cleaning literally washes your carpet and dirt and stains are removed when the dirty water is hoovered away. Extraction cleaning is the best way to clean textile flooring but requires the carpet to dry before it can be walked on again.

### Powder Cleaning

This method involves the use of a powder that is sprinkled onto the carpet. Usually baking soda that has been treated with cleaning solutions, surface dirt is absorbed by the powder and lifted away when it is later vacuumed. Whilst not as deep a clean as extraction, powder cleaning keeps the carpet dry and can be walked upon during the process.

### Shampooing

This involves using a specialised carpet shampoo alongside a brush which lathers the shampoo, giving a foam that removes stains. These shampoos often do not require water and just need the oxygen that the brushing provides to create a foam. This gives excellent cleaning results by penetrating into the carpet fibres and then turning into a fine dust that can be vacuumed away.