

# How to Care For and Clean Rugs

Rugs provide comfort from hard floors and warmth during cold weather, while perfectly tying the room together. However, rugs are often walked on daily and can be easily stained. Keep your rugs looking beautiful and your space feeling comfortable and cozy by following the instructions listed below.

## General Cleaning & Care:

### Do...

- Vacuum regularly on the lowest-level suction.
- Rotate on a regular basis to evenly distribute wear.
- Professionally clean once a year to remove any stains

### Don't...

- Vacuum fringe trim to prevent accidental fraying.

## Spot Cleaning Rugs:

- **Check the cleaning instructions tag** on the bottom of your rug to make sure it can be spot cleaned.
- **If a spill occurs:** Blot with a clean, absorbent white cloth. Do not rub. Many stains can be gently removed by using club soda and a small amount of carpet cleaning detergent.
- **To remove candle wax:** Place a piece of blotting paper or brown paper bag over the spot. Place a hot iron over the blotter (move constantly and don't let the iron stay in one place). Wait a few minutes until the wax is absorbed into the blotter. Repeat if necessary
- **To remove chewing gum:** Press ice cubes against the spot. Wait until the gum becomes hard and easily breaks off. Use a spot remover to eliminate remaining pieces of gum. Saturate the spot with cloth soaked in vinegar or alcohol.
- **To Remove ink:** Saturate the spot with hairspray. Allow it to dry. Blot lightly with a solution of water and vinegar.

# Universal Cleaning Code

DC

Dry Clean Only.

E

Use a leather care kit (this includes a sponge, a cloth, leather cleaner, and leather protector cream).

N

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N FBR

Natural Fiber Rugs - Immediately blot spills to remove excess liquid with a clean white cloth or plain paper towel. Blot again with a solution of one teaspoon mild detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar in a quart of warm water. Do not saturate.

S

Clean only with a dry cleaning solvent. Do not saturate. Do not use water. Pile fabrics may require brushing to restore appearance. Cushion covers should not be removed and dry-cleaned.

S/W

Spot clean with upholstery shampoo, foam from a mild detergent, or a mild dry cleaning solvent. Do not saturate with liquid. Pile fabrics may require brushing to restore appearance. Cushion covers should not be removed and dry-cleaned.

W

Clean only with water-based shampoo or foam upholstery cleaner. Do not over wet. Do not use solvents to spot clean. Pile fabrics may require brushing to restore appearance. Cushion covers should not be removed and dry-cleaned.

X

Do not clean with either water or solvent-based cleaner. Use vacuuming or light brushing only.

Wool

Tufted Wool Rugs - Blot spills up immediately with a clean white cloth or plain paper towel.