

## Vacuum cleaning and maintenance tips.

Vacuum cleaning area carpets and rugs will yield longevity of these items, especially a hand knotted wool rug. Vacuum cleaning removes hair, surface debris, dust, tiny insects like fleas, ticks, moths, and some vacuums remove surface stains via water extraction. Vacuum cleaning carpets lifts the surface pile creating a beautiful look and eliminates all traffic pattern marks at least for a day. Vacuuming carpets and rugs lifts sand and harder, tiny debris that actually cut into the fibers once weight from an individual turns or walks onto the surface pile. However the most important aspect of vacuuming carpets and rugs is the removal of airborne pollutants.

***When you walk over a dirty rug covered with dust and cat hair, you are kicking up dust and dander from the cat hair.*** Pet hair will contain natural body oils from the cat or dog. Allowing pet hair to remain upon areas of carpeting or rugs selected by your pet as a rest area will produce a brown stain on that area in just a few weeks. So vacuuming is more than maintaining neat appearances of your carpets and rugs. We have learned that vacuuming extends the longevity of these items, reduces airborne pollutants, and can help prevent stains from occurring like natural body oils from pet hair. If you do vacuum your own carpets and rugs, then here are some tips from **Yeatts Inc.** concerning vacuum cleaner maintenance regardless manufacturer or prototype. After vacuuming very dirty carpets or rugs, make sure you clean the brush and the brush roll or brush and beater bar areas with a damp cloth. There is need to aggressively clean these areas. With gentle agitation, the dirt and dust from the brush and brush roll or beater bar will collect upon the damp cloth. Inspect your vacuum bag or plastic container for bag-less vacuums once per month. In any case, including disposable bags, once the bag or plastic containers is half full, you're getting close for replacement. If the bag is full, change the disposable bag or clean out the cloth bag or plastic container. Once any bag or plastic container is almost full, the vacuum motor really heats up. For a prolonged period such as a month, the motor will weaken. The motor is the most expensive part in a vacuum cleaner and is never as strong as the first use. A good warning sign prior to this occurring, you will see less suction from the vacuum cleaner as there is nowhere else for the debris or hair to go. Replace vacuum filters once or twice a year. Most can be washed but regardless, place a new filter in the vacuum cleaner to reduce wear on the motor. These three tips are most important for premium performance.

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Clean brushes gently.



Clean vacuum bags.



Change filters.

## Plan ahead to save expense and headache.

Save effort by preparing ahead. It helps considerably if you are prepared for an accident or crisis. In most cases preparedness may not have prevented the crisis, but would reduce extensive damage and expense. In a few weeks, all trees will begin to shed leaves and accessories like acorns or small branches onto your roof and downspout areas. We see more water damaged basements due to this cause than all other water damaged crisis combined. This preventive step may not prevent some water from accumulating in low level areas, but will prevent days of restoration and major expense. Always apply protector to any fine fabric after cleaning. At **Yeatts Inc.**, we know new carpet and most new upholstery is protected at production. Excluding new, hand knotted rugs, most other fabric items are protected for a few years. However, extremely thin upholstery composed of fine silk and other delicate fibers, should be protected after each cleaning.



Protect fabric.