Carpet Extraction-Clipper

Frequency
As needed

Materials & Equipment
Defoamer – as needed
Pre spray carpet cleaner
Neutralizer
Vacuum
Wind Handler
Clipper
Spray bottle or pump sprayer

Areas Where Applicable
Almost any carpeted floor or entry matting may be cleaned using the water extraction process.

Preparation of Equipment
Make sure there is a clean bag in the vacuum. See Clipper set up manual in the equipment section for correct equipment usage. Use cool or warm water. Do not use water that is over 120 degrees F.

Preparation of Materials
Pre spray is ready to use. Add the proper amount of defoamer to the recovery tank. Neutralizer should be used to remove salt from entry ways. Put the appropriate product in pump sprayer.

Preparation of the Area
If possible, remove all furnishings from the area. Thoroughly vacuum the entire area. Isolated stains should be spot cleaned.

Procedure
1) Begin in a corner of the area furthest away from the door. Mist heavy traffic areas with pre-spray. Allow for a 15 minute dwell time.
2) Begin working in the corner and work away from the wall. Activate the spray system while pulling the spray vacuum head away from the wall in a straight line. 

3) Shut off the spray about six inches away from the end of the stroke. If the spray vacuum head can be pushed easily, push it back to the wall over the same path with the spray shut off. If the spray vacuum head cannot be pushed easily, but can only be pulled, lift it at the end of the stroke, return it to the spot where the pass began and pull over the same area with the spray shut off. This technique gives each area a minimum of two passes, one with the spray and vacuum, and one with the vacuum only.

NOTE: It is extremely important to thoroughly extract as much moisture out of the carpet as possible. If too much moisture is left in the carpet the growth of mold and odor could result.

4) After making the two passes described above, move the head and repeat the process.

5) The degree of overlap and the speed of the passes depends on how heavily the carpet is soiled. Along walls, baseboards and other areas that receive little or no traffic, the machine can be moved quickly and with as little overlap as possible without leaving streaks. In heavily soiled or high traffic areas, the spray vacuum head should be moved more slowly and the passes should overlap fifty percent. The carpet is clean when no more dirt, chemical, or foam is being returned to the recovery tank.

6) The recovery tank must be watched and emptied whenever the foam gets within two to three inches of the top. If foam or water is allowed to enter the vacuum motor housing it may be damaged.

7) After the entire carpet has been cleaned, it should be allowed to dry for as long as possible before replacing furniture. A wind handler or floor fan should be placed in the area to speed the drying process.

8) When returning furniture and accessories to a carpeted area which has just been cleaned, pieces of plastic should be placed under the legs and other furniture parts that might leave rust or wood stain marks on the carpet if it is still damp.

Cleanup

Empty and rinse the recovery tank. Any water remaining in the solution tank should be emptied or drawn into the recovery tank with the vacuum head. Run vacuum motor for 2 minutes. Both the solution and recovery tanks should be rinsed and wiped dry with a clean cloth. Rinse the vacuum head and brush. All exterior surfaces of the machine, including the cord, should be wiped clean and dry with a clean cloth. Leave the lids of the solution tank and recovery tank ajar to allow any remaining water to evaporate. Empty and replace bag in vacuum.
Safety & PPE Recommendations

PPE recommendations include shoes with slip resistant soles. Use caution when working close to doors or corners where visibility is limited. Use arm and shoulder muscles to move extractor. Avoid twisting at the waist and overextending back. When bending to pick up soil and debris, bend at the knees and not the waist. Two people are required when moving the clipper up or down stairs.

Performance Standards

All carpets should be free from visible stains and soil. All materials stuck to the floor surface should be removed using the putty knife. Loose or frayed fibers should be trimmed.