



Best practices for using a **CARPET EXTRACTOR** in areas where pathogens may be present

1 Wear personal protective equipment (PPE). Follow all national, regional, state, and local guidelines for PPE. PPE should be worn during the entire carpet-extraction process, and during post-use cleaning and sanitization of the machine.

2 Pre-spray the carpet with an appropriate detergent. Pre-spraying always delivers superior cleaning results. Wetting the carpet will also prevent virus particles from aerosolizing. Refer to your local authorities for chemicals that are approved for use against SARS-CoV-2, and be sure to leave the solution on the carpet for the recommended dwell time.

3 Work in small sections. The pre-spray solution should not be allowed to dry on the carpet before extraction.

4 Extract using hot tap water. This ensures that you don't leave any residue on the carpet.

5 Clean during off-hours. While the person cleaning will be wearing PPE, others in the area might not be, so it's best to clean when there aren't a lot of people present.

6 Use appropriate tools. Tools are available for cleaning stairs, upholstery, and other unique surfaces. Carpet spotters are ideal for concentrated cleaning in small areas with significant soilage and spotting.

7 Allow the carpet to air dry. The carpet should feel dry to the touch before you open the area to foot traffic.

8 Clean and disinfect the machine after use. Thoroughly wipe down the machine after use, paying special attention to the touchpoints (handles, switches, buttons, knobs, etc.), as well as the recovery tank, brushes, and vacuum shoes. Any spray cleaner acceptable for human touchpoints is safe to use on the machine.

9 Allow the machine to air dry completely. Leave the recovery tank open so the machine can dry inside and out.



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