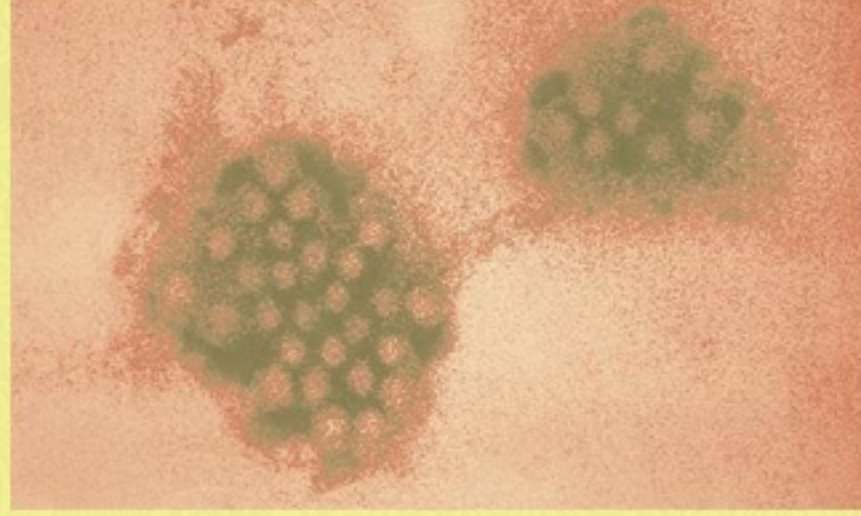




DIY Carpet Cleaning Secrets and Tips



- Regular carpet cleaning not only means cleaner carpets, but can also contribute to a healthier home environment .
- The **Norwalk virus** or **Norovirus** (the virus that causes the - stomach flu) can survive on an uncleaned carpet for a month or more.
- Carpet cleaning- Eliminates trapped pollutants.
 - Can clear out dust mite infestations.
 - Can help prevent mold growth



1 FURNITURE

- Remove the furniture from the carpeted area before cleaning.
- If the furniture is too heavy, place a plastic film under and around the legs of the furniture.
- Wait until the carpet dries before replacing the furniture or walking on carpet



2 VACUUMING



- Vacuum thoroughly.
- Carpets need to be vacuumed once a week and more often in areas that are prone to dirt.
- This can have the biggest impact on the whole process! Follow the instructions on the machine carefully.

3 CLEANING SOLUTION

- Always remember to test any cleaning products on a small area first.
- Do not add other chemicals or under-dilute in an attempt to make your cleaner stronger.
- Only use a Seal of Approval cleaning solution that works with your extractor.
- Do not use excessive amount of detergents for carpet cleaning.



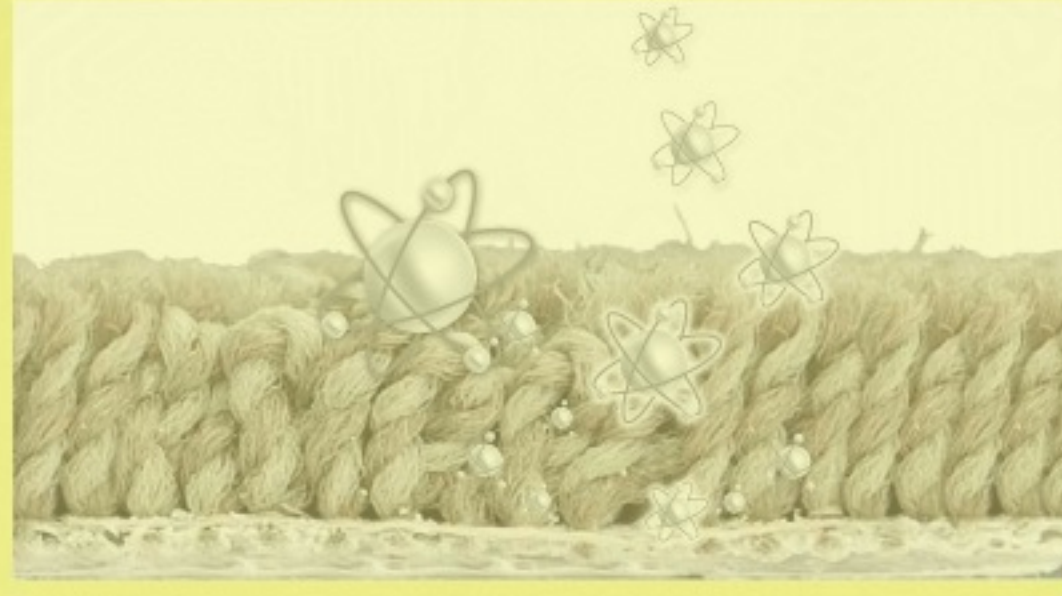
4 CLEANING STYLE



- Begin at the farthest point from the doorway and work back toward it so you can step out when done.
- Do not clean yourself into a corner!

5 WATER ON CARPET

- Be patient and do not over-wet the carpet.
- Extract as much of the water as possible.



6 DRYING CARPET

- Ventilate the area.
- Open windows if outdoor weather conditions permit.
- Never close up a room with a wet carpet.
- You want the fastest drying-time possible, to prevent mold growth and to allow earlier use.
- The **heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC)** system should be switched to the "on" position until the carpet is completely dry.

7 STAIN REMOVAL

- To remove a stain, simply blot the spot and dry.
- Always blot it from the outside in direction.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water, and then blot again.
- Never scrub the carpet, or you risk ruining the carpet fibers or letting the spill soak through to the carpet pad.
- Use a hard bristled brush with a solution of water, and carpet shampoo to scrub stains.



8 CARPET CLEANING METHODS



- There are five methods of recognized carpet cleaning, but only three are suitable for consumer use.
 - Hot water extraction
 - Dry powder cleaning
 - Dry foam

9 CLEANING MACHINE

- If you have a lot of carpet, cleaning it using a machine, rather than doing it by hand, will get the job done faster.
- If you have very high quality carpet, call in a professional carpet cleaner every 2-3 years for a really thorough job



10 TRAIN PETS

- Properly train your pets.
- Make sure your cat, dog, or other small animal does not have any "accidents" on your carpet.

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