

## How to care for your carpet and upholstery after your applicator leaves.

It's important to let your carpet and upholstery dry properly after application of Scotchgard™ Protector. We recommend waiting 8 to 12 hours before walking on the carpet or sitting on upholstery.

### While the carpet and upholstery are drying:

- avoid using the room
- if it is necessary to walk on the carpet, wear clean shoes
- avoid walking on the carpet with bare feet
- keep children and pets off the carpet and upholstery
- weather permitting, open windows to provide fresh air
- remove caged pets from the room

### How should I care for carpet treated with Scotchgard™ Protector?

Through a schedule of daily and weekly vacuuming. Daily vacuuming should include all heavy traffic areas to keep dirt from accumulating and eventually working down deep into the carpet. Weekly vacuuming of the entire carpet should be done by moving the vacuum at least six times over the same area. Move the furniture so all carpet can be vacuumed.

## The Scotchgard™ Protector Promise

- Scotchgard Protector keeps your carpet and upholstery looking good longer.
- Your carpet and upholstery are easier to clean. Dry soil is easily vacuumed away, and spills can be spot cleaned more easily than unprotected carpet or upholstery.
- Scotchgard protector provides lasting protection and resists soil even after heavy traffic and frequent vacuuming.



## Scotchgard™ Protectors and Cleaners

- Scotchgard™ Protector for Upholstery, Washable & Dry Cleanable Fabrics
- Scotchgard™ Protector for Rugs, Carpets & Autos
- Scotchgard™ Heavy Duty Water Repellent for Outdoor Fabrics
- Scotchgard™ Protector for Leather Shoes, Boots, & Coats
- Scotchgard™ Cleaner for Rugs & Carpets
- Scotchgard™ Cleaner for Fabric & Upholstery
- Scotchgard™ Cleaner for Automotive Upholstery
- When buying new carpet, look for the Scotchgard™ Protector and Stain Release label.



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### Thank you for purchasing Scotchgard™ Protector.

Scotchgard™ Protector, combined with proper care and cleaning, will make a big difference in retaining your carpet and upholstery's beauty over many years of regular use.

Just how long your carpet and upholstery will look good depends on a number of factors, including household traffic patterns, exposure to soiling and stains and, of course, proper cleaning and maintenance (vacuuming and spot removal).

So, to get the most out of your Scotchgard investment, here are a few tips you should know about caring for your carpet and upholstery fabrics.

For more details on Scotchgard Protector, visit:  
[www.scotchgard.com](http://www.scotchgard.com)



#### What about overall cleaning?

Carpet and upholstery treated with Scotchgard protector will stay cleaner longer—a real time and money saver. For best results, call your professional carpet cleaner.

#### Will Scotchgard protector change the feel of my carpet or upholstery?

With some carpets and upholstery you may experience a slight change in feel after Scotchgard protector has been applied. However, routine vacuuming and traffic will bring back the original feel.

#### Will Scotchgard protector be effective after carpets and upholstery are cleaned? How long will the protection last?

How long the protection lasts depends primarily on how much use the carpet and upholstery receives and how well it's cared for. Your professional carpet cleaner can determine whether or not adequate Scotchgard protector remains after cleaning. For optimum performance it's best to have Scotchgard protector re-applied after a professional cleaning by an authorized Scotchgard protector applicator. The most important thing to remember is that even with Scotchgard protector, carpet and upholstery require good housekeeping practices.

## Spot and Stain Removal Guide

Remember to clean up a spill immediately after it occurs. Carpet and upholstery with Scotchgard™ Protector will be easier to clean than untreated carpet and upholstery because the stain will be confined and not spread out.

Type of stain	Cleaning agent
<b>Greasy</b> Butter, salad dressing, hair oil	Use a solvent spot cleaner like Energine® Spot Remover or a powdery cleaner like K2R® Spot-lifter. Carefully follow the directions on the label.
<b>Water soluble</b> Fruit juice, candy, alcoholic and soft drinks, sugar and starches	Mix one quart water with one teaspoon mild detergent.
<b>Combination stains</b> Ice creams, gravy, coffee with cream	Use both cleaning agents for greasy and water soluble stains.

#### Using proper cleaning agent, follow this technique:

##### Use on colorfast carpet and upholstery only

Always apply cleaning solution to a small inconspicuous area of carpet or upholstery, blot with a white cloth and check for color transfer before using. If color transfer occurs, the carpet or upholstery is not colorfast and the treatment should not be used.

1. If liquid, blot up as much as you can with a clean cloth, pressing firmly all around the spill to absorb as much of the liquid as possible.
2. If the material is solid, scrape up what you can with a spoon or the dull edge of a knife or spatula. Always work from the outside of the spill toward the center.
3. Dampen a clean, white cloth with the proper cleaning agent for the type of stain.
4. Wipe area gently, working from the outer edge to the center of the spot. Turn the cloth frequently so it is always clean, and do not get the carpet or upholstery excessively wet.
5. Repeat this process until the spot is removed.
6. Dry the carpet or upholstery by weighing down a half-inch pad of absorbent tissues or cloth to absorb the moisture or, circulate air with a fan.
7. After the carpet or upholstery is dry, brush the pile up.

#### Special problems

##### Mud

Let dry. Then crumble and remove the excess dirt. Spot-clean as a water soluble stain.

##### Animal urine

Blot up as much as possible. Next, dilute the stain by cleaning with a cloth dampened with plain water. Then clean with an acidic mixture, such as one quart water and one teaspoon white vinegar; or use club soda.

##### Nail polish or rubber cement

Wipe up as much as possible. Then use regular nail polish remover, without lanolin, applying it with an eye dropper. Wait a few seconds, then blot with cloth. Repeat until all material is removed.

##### Cigarette burns

If burn area is small and damage is only at top of pile, snip off charred ends with manicure scissors, then spot-clean with cleaning agent for water soluble stains.

Note: If these procedures do not remove the stain, call a professional carpet cleaner for assistance.



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