

CARPET CLEANING PROCEDURES

In order to prevent mold and mildew, carpet cleaning during the summer shall be performed using the bonnet cleaning method "ONLY".

Shampooing and extraction should be done during the heating season (winter) or spring break. In severe cases where deep cleaning of heavily soiled areas cannot be delayed and shampooing and extraction is necessary, the following steps must be taken:

1. Ensure proper procedures are followed to prevent over-saturation.
2. Use floor fans and dehumidifiers (dehumidifiers may be obtained by calling Peter Park, Environmental Safety Specialist at 301-279-5438 to schedule). Typically, the combined use of air movement to promote evaporation and dehumidifiers to initiate moisture removal will effectively dry out wet areas.
3. Empty dehumidifier trays as needed.
4. Keep windows and outside doors closed at all times during summer operations
5. During unoccupied hours, turn exhaust fans off and close outside air dampers
6. Keep lights on.
7. Keep blinds open.
8. Keep windows and doors closed.

As a general note, carpets must be completely dry within 24 hours to ensure that mold growth does not occur.