

# Carpet System Maintenance

**Barrier Maintenance** is your primary defense against tracking in dirt and moisture. 70 – 80% of dust, grime, and dirt in a building is tracked in from the outside on peoples feet – permanently damaging carpets (and floors). Barrier Maintenance should do the following:

- Stop dirt and water at the door
- Store soil and water for removal
- Minimize the tracking of soil and water into a facility

Recommended Products:

- Indoor Entrance Mats (preferably with a bi-level construction)
- Outdoor Entrance Scraper Mat
- Interior Mats (located in high traffic areas, such as copy machines, registration areas & at high spill areas such as vending & coffee areas)

**Preventative Maintenance** should be performed daily to remove loose soil and spots in order to prevent fiber damage, soil build-up and staining. Preventative maintenance procedures should include:

- Vacuuming (don't forget to vacuum your Barrier Mats)
- Spot removal

**Interim Maintenance** should be performed periodically to remove surface soil and maintain uniform appearance. Interim Procedures include:

- Spot Removal
- Vacuuming
- Bonnet Cleaning
- Dry Foam Shampoo
- Dry Powder

**Restorative Maintenance** should be performed to remove deeply embedded soils which interim maintenance can no longer reach or resolve. Procedures include:

- Spot Removal
- Vacuuming
- Pre-spraying
- Rotary Shampoo
- Extraction Cleaning