



DEEP CLEANING SOFT FLOORS: EQUIPMENT AND BEST PRACTICES

Nilfisk vacuums and carpet extractors deliver industry-leading cleaning results to extend the life of soft floors.

Frequent and thorough cleaning is key, not only as part of soft floor maintenance, but to keep facilities safe and healthy. Especially for high-traffic areas, such as entryways, and in regions with a lot of snow, restorative deep cleaning helps keep carpet in top condition and extends its lifespan.

In commercial and institutional facilities, deep cleaning is typically performed at least annually. It may also be done on an as-needed basis, such as after special events that bring in a lot of foot traffic, when hard-to-remove stains (e.g., oil, grease, coffee) are present, and as part of a cleaning and disinfection process to eliminate pathogens.

Essential equipment for deep cleaning soft floors

- A high-quality commercial-grade vacuum cleaner
- A carpet extractor with a high-quality brush and a vacuum that has continuous contact with the carpet and provides even suction across its entire width

10 best practices for deep cleaning soft floors

1. **Always vacuum first with a HEPA-filtered vacuum cleaner.** Vacuum the carpet thoroughly to remove loose debris before extracting with water. The HEPA filter will capture and contain small particles, including many pathogens.
2. **Pre-treat with a carpet-specific solution before extracting.** For heavily soiled carpet, a pre-treatment chemical spray will break down dirt and allow for faster, more efficient cleaning.
3. **Use an approved detergent.** Use a product approved by the EPA for the material you're cleaning. Be sure to leave the detergent on the carpet for the recommended dwell time.
4. **Use the warmest water possible for extraction.** Check the material of the carpet and set the water temperature on the machine accordingly.
5. **Use appropriate tools.** Tools are available for cleaning stairs, upholstery, and other unique surfaces. Carpet spotters are ideal for concentrated cleaning in areas with significant soilage.
6. **Extract moisture after cleaning.** This will speed up the drying process and prevent the carpet from smelling musty.
7. **Dry carpets as quickly as possible.** Use air movers to prevent mold, and allow carpets to dry completely before allowing foot traffic into the area.
8. **Clean the carpet extractor.** Be sure to clean the dirty water tank after each use as debris from carpet fibers can build up and cause a blockage.
9. **Use personal protective equipment (PPE).** When working in areas where germs may be present, cleaning staff should follow national, state, and local guidelines for PPE.
10. **Maintain the machines.** Keep the carpet extractor batteries charged, check the lead battery water level on a regular basis, and follow manufacturers' recommended timelines for replacing the brush. Be sure to also follow recommended timelines for your vacuum's filters and dust bags. etc.

Soft Floor Cleaning Equipment: Recommendations, Features, and Benefits

Nilfisk vacuums and carpet extractors are available in a variety of models for maximum efficiency, effectiveness, and flexibility.



Clarke CarpetMaster® 212 Upright Vacuum

Lightweight dual motor vacuum designed for high productivity

Deep cleaning features

- HEPA filtration comes standard
- Quick-draw detail wand with secure easy-access tools
- One-pass cleaning capability due to power being allocated to the brush and vacuum independently

Additional benefits

- Light handle weight to reduce operator fatigue
- Low noise level for daytime cleaning

Recommended replacement parts

- Dust bags: 4 gallon, pack of 5 (part #1407015020)
- HEPA filter (part #1402666010)
- Turbo tool air-driven brush (part #56649625)



Euroclean GD930™ Canister Vacuum

Large-volume vacuum for fast, effective cleaning

Deep cleaning features

- Dual-mode floor tool and accessories suitable for all surfaces
- 4-gallon dust bag for extended cleaning time
- Optional HEPA filtration

Additional benefits

- Lightweight, with a carrying handle for easy portability
- Low noise level for daytime cleaning

Recommended replacement parts

- Dust Bag Kit: pack of 10 + 2 pre-filters (part #107413584)
- HEPA-13 exhaust Filter (part #1471250600)
- 12" brush replacement (part #1470930500)



Advance ES400™ XLP Self-Contained Carpet Extractor

A new standard for high-performance cleaning in high-traffic areas

Deep cleaning features

- Three cleaning modes: LIFT (low-moisture), Pre-Treat, and Deep Clean
- Large tank capacity for extended cleaning time
- Fast drying time to prevent mold

Additional benefits

- The Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI) Gold Seal of Approval ensures performance meets the highest industry standards
- Integrated hand tool and easy-to-use control panel

Recommended replacement parts

- 18" nylon standard carpet brush (part #56265099)

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