

# CARING FOR YOUR AREA RUG

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## **Sprouting**

Occasionally, a loop in your rug may lift up from the pile. Use a pair of scissors to cut the loop even with the pile. DO NOT PULL THE THREAD. This can make the problem worse. For more in-depth information a video to explain and show the proper care method visit: [mafirugs.com/rug-care/sprouting](https://mafirugs.com/rug-care/sprouting).

## **Shedding**

While shedding will gradually diminish (depending on traffic volume), in some cases, it cannot be avoided. Wool rugs can shed but after 25-30 vacuums, you should see a decrease. However, some rugs will shed over the course of their lifetime.

## **Color Variation**

Each rug is unique. The color in a rug can vary from piece to piece as dyes can vary up to 5% difference.

## **Creasing**

If your rug is rolled or folded during shipping, it may have creases. Creasing should disappear in a few weeks while the rug is laid out. Reverse rolling the rug overnight can accelerate this process.

## **Odor**

Shipping rugs in a sealed wrap can saturate odors from dyes and yarns into the pile. Once the rug is exposed to fresh air, most odors will dissipate within a few days to a week.

## **Fading**

Even color in fade resistant rugs can fade over time if exposed to direct sunlight. Best way to remedy that is to rotate your rug once or twice a year to even out the fading and wear patterns.

## **Wear**

Overtime, rug wear is unavoidable. All rugs should be rotated two to four times a year to balance and evenly distribute color and traffic wear.

## **Soil**

Walking over your rug with shoes on can impart dirt and other particles, over time, these particles can work down through the pile and deteriorate the foundation of your rug.

## **Spills**

Deal with spills immediately. Use a spoon to scoop up as much of the spill as possible. Dilute smaller spills with water. Blot, but do not rub, the area with a paper towel until all moisture is removed. Always blot from the outer edges towards the center to prevent the spill from spreading.

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## **Stain Removal**

Not every stain should be attacked with water. Common food or beverage stains can be treated with the same mild detergent used to wash delicate clothes, diluted with a small amount of water. Spraying the area with hairspray, letting it dry and brushing the area with a water and vinegar solution can remove an ink stain from a ballpoint pen. Oil-based stains are best treated with dry cleaning solvents. For detailed information visit: [mafirugs.com/cleaning-guide](https://mafirugs.com/cleaning-guide).

## **Vacuuming**

The number one way to ensure rug integrity is vacuuming. Vacuuming regularly helps prevent dirt on the surface of the rug from filtering down into the pile where it can accumulate and cause increased wear. Depending on the type of rug, different techniques should be done. To learn more visit: [mafirugs.com/rug-care/vacuuming](https://mafirugs.com/rug-care/vacuuming).

## **Restoring Pile**

Spray the area with a little water and brushing with a soft brush can restore pile crushed by heavy furniture.

## **Storage**

If you intend to store a rug for an extended length of time, make sure that the rug is clean. It should be treated with moth repellent prior to storage and should be rolled tightly. Wrap the rug in a cloth or a sheet, do not use plastic because the rug needs to breathe. Store in a dry, cool well-ventilated area to avoid mildew or heat damage.

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