

HOME TRENDS

Under The Rug

(NAPSA)—Sixty-four percent of U.S. homeowners have rugs in their homes, found a recent survey by the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC), but only 40 percent clean them on a regular basis. Like carpets, rugs require proper maintenance to retain their appearance and durability. The IICRC recommends the following steps to keep rugs looking great:



When having your rugs cleaned, be sure to use a certified professional who specializes in rugs.

- Know what type of rug you own. Machine made, hand knotted or tufted construction, as well as various fibers used in the rug, affect the method of cleaning.

- Use padding underneath the rug to protect floors, keep the rug in place and lessen damage.

- Blot spilled liquids quickly with a dry, white cloth or paper towel.

- Vacuum rugs regularly front-back-front to remove particle soil.

- Store clean rugs wrapped in paper in a clean, dry location.

For cleaning, call a certified professional. For a list of firms, visit www.CertifiedCleaners.org or call (800) 835-4624.