

Rug Storage



Whether you are doing a remodel or simply not using a rug you want to keep, it is important to take care in how you store your rug. Improper storage often leads to moth damage, water damage, and pest damage. If properly wrapped and placed in an appropriate location all these scenarios can be mitigated. Here we will lay out the proper process for storing a rug.

How to Store Your Rug

All rugs should be washed before they go into storage. Washing a rug before storage not only makes its unveiling easier when its ready but is also the most important step. By removing soil, food spills, and other attractants from your rug moths, mice and other critters will be less attracted to its odor. Furthermore, atmospheric humidity exists in your rug. Even a fully dry wool rug will absorb any amount of moisture around it and this humidity can activate the organic soils in your rug causing odors and even mildew.

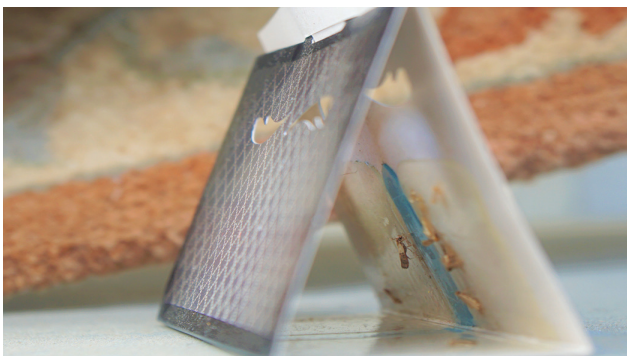
Next is where to store your rug. It is important to elevate your rug off the ground so in the event of a flood your rug is not damaged. Even sitting on dry concrete is not recommended as your rug can absorb moisture through the concrete and your rug will mold and rot away. A clean visible environment is ideal for rug storage allowing you to keep an eye out for any rips or holes in the wrapping which may have been caused by a rodent.

Finally, we recommend placing Clothes Moth Traps near your rug to monitor for any moth activity. Moth traps are not intended to be a mitigation tool but rather a way to see if moths are present in the rugs storage environment. See our Moth flyer for more information on moths.

How to Wrap Your Rug for Storage

- It is important to wrap your rug in a breathable material such as paper, Tyvek or even an old sheet will do in a pinch.
- Plastic is never recommended for storage as it acts like a greenhouse and a breeding ground for mildew. In most cases your rug care professional can offer a wrapping service in the appropriate material once your rug is cleaned.

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Moth Trap



Rugs Wrapped for Storage