

Rug Vacuuming



It is often believed that one should not vacuum their oriental rugs because it wears the rug down. Unfortunately, this myth has been perpetuated by improper vacuuming.

How to Properly Vacuum a Rug

Proper vacuuming with a beater brush agitates the pile of the rug to loosen dirt and silica allowing it to be removed. Soil which impacts deeply in the rug can also accelerate corrosion of the foundation fibers. Vacuuming on a regular basis will avoid premature wear and breakdown of the fibers.

Vacuuming is also an opportunity to pay close attention to areas where your rug may be worn or has existing damage. If you see this, it is important to consult with your rug cleaning professional regarding possible repairs.

While vacuuming you will want to avoid any loose fibers or damaged areas as they could be made worse by the vacuum.

Do's and Don'ts of Vacuuming Rugs

- When vacuuming you should not use a beater brush vacuum near the fringes of a hand knotted rug as to avoid catching the fringe and pulling out the foundation.
- Vacuum in a perpendicular motion to the fringe approximately 1-2" away and parallel to the fringe to avoid sucking up the fringe in the vacuum.
- While vacuuming an oriental rug does take some added attention to detail it is indeed a crucial part on preserving your rug.

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Vacuuming Perpendicular to Fringe



Don't Vacuum Fringes