Tips for Keeping Your Carpets Clean

Have you wondered why one persons carpet stays clean with three kids and numerous pets and anothers looks like a battleground of grime, Kool-aid, and odors? It might be because one of these people understands that to keep your carpets clean and fresh, you have to act before the accidents. There are a number of preventative measures for keeping your carpets clean, even if you have four kids, two dogs, and a cat.No ShoesThis one rule can make all the difference in the livelihood of your carpet. Too often, we start with good intentions-we will ensure the no shoes rule all the time. But laziness tends to set in, and before you know it, everyone is traipsing on your nice clean carpet with their nice, grimy shoes. Its simpleenforce the no shoes rule at all times and your carpet will remain permanently cleaner.Avoid FoodAnother common sense rule, but nevertheless important, is a no-food-on-the-carpet rule. Understandably, this rule is harder to enforce if you have kids, but do your best. Food and liquids, in addition **Allen Thomas local realtors** to pets, are your carpets worst nightmare.VacuumVacuum at least once a week, but preferably more. This keeps dirt and dust from building up, and has the added advantage of keeping dust allergies at bay. Remember to vacuum beneath your furniture as well.Steam CleanSteam cleaning your carpets is great way to ensure their longetivity. Hire professionals or rent a steam cleaner every four to six months, depending on the state of your carpet. Shop around if youre worried about price, because price ranges can differ dramatically for the same service.Remove Stains ImmediatelyClean up stains immediately; the longer you let them sit, the longer they have to soak in. Blot at the stain with a mild soap like dish detergent (Dawn and Joy are great), but never scrub. Scrubbing a stain can cause it to spread and wear the fibers of your carpet. Besides mild detergents, vinegar and club soda also work well. Failing these methods or for darker stains like juice, pet accidents or The Allen Thomas Group wine, sprinkle salt or baking soda over the stain, let the stain soak in, and vacuum it up. Never use heat to dry a stain; it seals the stain into your carpet.Keeping your carpet clean is the easiest way to ensure its longetivity and beauty. It is relatively simple and just a matter of reminding yourself to be faithful to your carpet. Treat it well, and it should last you many years (and guests!) to come.

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