

EPA Carpet Cleaning Frequency Guidelines

Environmental Factors

	Normal	Contaminated Outside Dusty	Extremely Cold Weather Climates	High Humidity Biogenic
Residences:				
2 persons, non-smoking	6-12 months	2 months	4-6 months	4-6 months
2 persons, with smoking	4 months	2 months	3 months	4 months
young children	6 months	1 month	3 months	3 months
young children with pets	3-6 months	1 month	2 months	2 months
Office building:				
ground floor	3-6 months	1-4 months	2-6 months	2-6 months
higher floors	6-12 months	2-6 months	3-9 months	3-9 months
Commercial retail shops, banks	3-6 months	1 month	2 months	2 months
Day Care Center	2 weeks	1 week	2 weeks	1 week
Nursing Home	1 month	1 month	1 month	1 week
Food Service Establishments	1 month	1 week	2 weeks	2 weeks

*This table was created by *The Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification* for the Environmental Protection Agency. This table is intended to serve as a guideline for recommended cleaning frequencies from a public health perspective.*