

# Training Information

## CLEANING CARPET USING THE DRY FOAM METHOD

### Tools & Materials Needed:

- A. Dry foam machine
- B. Wet/dry vac
- C. Vacuum, with beater brush if appropriate
- D. Towels
- E. Putty knife
- F. Protective pads for furniture legs
- G. "Wet floor" signs
- H. Gloves and goggles

### Products:

- 1. Carpet spotter(s)
- 2. Gum remover
- 3. Dry foam cleaner

### Procedures:

- I. Purpose of Dry Foam Cleaning
  - A. Dry foam cleaning provides a good method of cleaning each fiber in the carpet.
  - B. Dry foam cleaning can lengthen the time between extraction cleaning.
- II. Procedures
  - A. Put on gloves and glasses.
  - B. Vacuum walk off mats.
  - C. Remove or move as much furniture as possible from the area to be cleaned.
  - D. Vacuum the carpet to be cleaned using a beater vacuum, if appropriate to the installation method.
  - E. Spot clean carpet stains using the carpet stain remover.
    - 1. Remove any gum found on the carpet using the gum remover and a putty knife.
  - F. Place "wet floor" signs around area.
  - G. Dry foam cleaning procedure
    - 1. Feed enough shampoo onto the brush so the forward and return pass of the machine show a full width of foam.
    - 2. Starting at the wall furthest from the door, move along the wall at a slow, constant pace.
    - 3. Reverse the machine along side the first pass, overlapping about 1/4 the width of the machine.
      - a. This is to eliminate streaking.
    - 4. To speed drying time, pick up any excess foam with the wet/dry vacuum.
    - 5. Use damp towel to get into corners and around baseboard areas.

6. If furniture is to be replaced before the carpet is dry, use protective pads under the legs.
7. After carpet is dry, vacuum thoroughly.