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DRYING AFTER THE CLEANING

After spending your time, effort and expertise getting a carpet completely clean, all customers ask the inevitable: “When will it be dry or how long will it take to dry?” Some ask those questions because of previous bad experiences. It does happen: A carpet is professionally cleaned and it takes a day or two to completely dry. In today’s world that time frame may be unacceptable especially due to the modern equipment and low moisture cleaning. Any carpet still wet after 24 hours can be at risk for microbial growth. That will only cause trouble for the cleaning company.

Steps you can take

Whatever method is used, some cleaners feel that they can increase ventilation by opening doors and windows and it will effectively accelerate the drying. However, commercial buildings usually have no option of outside air transfer, and must depend on the heating and air system along with the cleaners drying tools. If you are able to open doors and windows and the outside humidity is higher than it is inside, it will not lower the drying time. If the outside air has a lower specific humidity then it may lower dry time. HVAC systems and air movers are still your best bet for drying.

Drying Tools

As you finish the area, you must place the air mover in a way that creates the most airflow, you may do this by using Bernoulli’s Principle, which means that airflow across a surface reduces air pressure, allowing moisture to move into that area. Just think in terms of airplanes, airflow creates lift for them. It is the same principle for drying carpet fibers.

