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TIP

Clean floors underneath matting periodically with a neutral floor cleaner to help extend the life of finished floors. Be sure to let your floor dry completely before reinstalling mats.

Preventative Maintenance:

HOW TO MAINTAIN MATS

Soil is everywhere. Preventing it from entering your facility with an effective matting system will protect and extend the life of one of your most expensive building assets – your floors. Industry studies estimate that as much as 94% of the soil in a building is tracked in from the outside, but 80% of it is walked off within the first 12' of your carpet or matting. An effective matting system incorporates high quality matting both outside and inside. The more matting that can be installed, the more effective your preventative program will be.

Outside Entrance Mats

Place bi-level scraper mats outside all entrances. These will help absorb large particles, soil and moisture that might otherwise be tracked inside.

Inside Entrance Mats

Place carpet mats just inside entrances for wiping and drying of shoes. Select a carpet mat that provides enough length for a minimum of 4-5 footsteps before stepping onto the floor.

Once you have the appropriate matting in place, maintaining them properly will ensure they continue to look great and be effective at keeping dirt and soil out of your building and off your floors.

Mat Maintenance and Cleaning Procedures

- Clean mats regularly, with a frequency relative to the amount of foot traffic and weather conditions you have. This prevents soil and water build up, and optimizes your mat's ability to catch as much dirt as possible from entering your building.
- Consider the types of soil you have before cleaning.
 - a. For wet soils:** Use a self-contained extractor with a brush and vac system. Some mats can also be cleaned with a pressure washer or hosed off outside. Hang mats to dry before reinstalling.
 - b. For dry soils:** Use a good vacuum with the brush adjusted all the way down. Go slowly when vacuuming and let the brush get down into the grooves of the mat. Follow the pattern and direction of the mat. Turn mat over and run the vacuum over the backside with the beater bar to knock all the loose soils off to the floor. Then vacuum the dirt on the floor.
 - c. For dry crusty salt stains:** Soak mat in hot water with a neutralizer solution for half an hour and extract similarly to wet soils above. Hang mat to dry before reinstalling.

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