



Care + Cleaning

KNOWING YOUR AREA RUG



J. Leigh Carpet products are handmade by skilled artisan weavers. Variances are inevitable and are part of its inherent beauty. Irregular weaving with differences in yarn and shading are the characteristics that add to the authentic texture you cannot find in machine tufted products. Variances are not considered manufacturer defects.

COLOR: Color variations (up to 10%) are common for handmade goods, as dye lots may change over time.

ODOR: Odors caused by dyes, yarns and shipping for long distances in sealed wrap typically dissipate within a week once the goods are removed from the shipping wrap.

FADING: If exposed to direct sunlight, rug and carpet colors typically fade over time, even if they are fade resistant. Good maintenance practice is to rotate your rugs (more info under WEAR).

CREASES: If your rug has been rolled or folded for shipping, it may include creases. Creases should disappear within a week or two when the goods are laid out flat. For rugs, reverse rolling overnight may help speed up the process. Walking and proper vacuuming can also help (DO NOT USE A VACUUM THAT HAS A BEATER BAR).

WEAR: As a general rule, rugs of all materials and constructions should be rotated every 3–6 months to balance color and evenly distribute wear. Using mats at exterior entrance doorways also prevent excess dirt from being tracked onto rugs and carpet.

SPROUTS/SHEDDING: Loose fibers & sprouts are a normal part of the break-in process of handmade goods. After installation yarns may frequently come loose or 'sprout' up from the pile, is considered very normal on handmade products especially with 'silk' like fibers. Regular vacuuming will help with shedding. To remove sprouts, use a small pair of scissors to snip them off even with the pile. Do not pull the fiber out, as this can cause a deterioration in the backing.

MAINTENANCE OF YOUR CARPET OR RUG: Proper vacuuming is essential to maintain your area rug and remove trapped dirt & soil. Depending on traffic, area rug should be vacuumed a minimum of once a week. Vacuum across the traffic pattern to help prevent matting. Professional cleaning services should be used at least once a year and before your carpet begins to show soil. Make sure to use a cleaner that specializes in wool + specialty fibers and uses the proper PH balanced cleaners. Fiber seal may also be recommended for faux silk, natural fibers, white colorways or other high-maintenance carpets needing extra care.



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HOW TO VACUUM

Many of today's vacuums are super high powered. The high suction can pull out the threads from the back of the carpet or rug causing sprouts and excessive fuzzing. Avoid Oreck or Dyson vacuums for these reasons. Using a vacuum with a beater bar will cause excessive fuzzing and distort the pile of the carpet's surface permanently. **Using a vacuum with a beater bar will void all warranties.**

A suction only canister vacuum is best to prevent excess pilling and fuzzing on carpet. For rugs, use the handheld attachment to vacuum your area rug, whenever possible. Warranties will be voided if high suction vacuums or beater bars are used.

■ **Canister vacuums with hand held attachments are the optimal type of vacuum to use for carpets and rugs. Brooms and manual sweepers are also a gentle and effective way to clean loose area rugs.**

■ Handmade rugs come with serged edging. Refrain from continuously running the vacuum over the edges, as this will loosen yarns around the edges and cause them to deteriorate. Avoid running the vacuum over the fringes at the ends of rugs, as fraying may occur. Use the handheld attachment to clean fringe. If a rug is reversible, make sure to vacuum both sides. This will remove grit and grime that can prematurely wear out the rug.

■ Allure Silk Nylon is a fiber with thin, slick & shiny yarns meant to mimic the texture of silk. Abrasive scrubbing or improper vacuuming will distort these yarns causing fuzzing & permanent damage.



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