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# Healthy Hints about Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning

**M**eet Darryl McAbee, one of Pittsburgh's finest minority Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning Specialist. Darryl currently resides in the Stanton Heights area of Pittsburgh, and raised in the Hill District.

Darryl is the Owner/Operator of D&M Carpet Care and is a Certified Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning Technician Certified MBE/VOBE (Minority Business Enterprise/ Veteran Owned Business Enterprise). He has worked over 20 years in the service business receiving his training at Pemperton Cleaning Supply and participates regularly in ongoing education to maintain his certification.

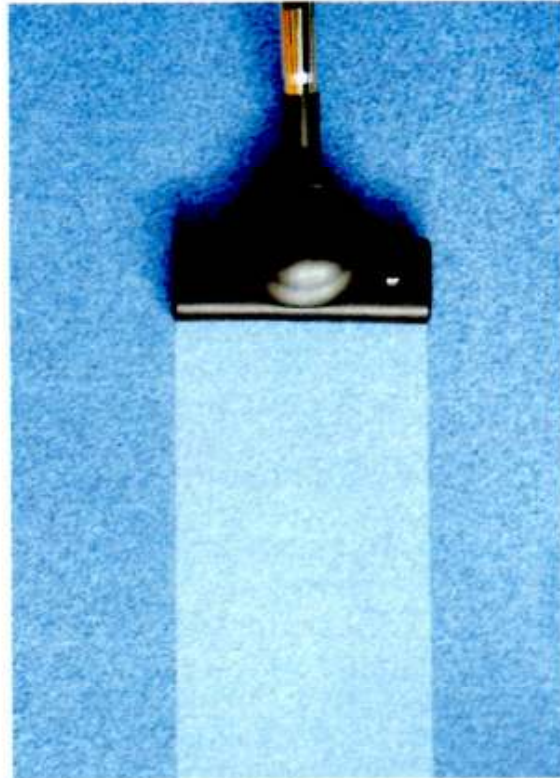
"I started cleaning people's carpet as a part-time income while still in high school," Darryl said when asked about his start in the service business. After high school I went in a different direction but returned to carpet cleaning full-time after 15 years. He said he always liked the smiles brought to people by restoring their textiles.

D&M Carpet Care caters to the Pittsburgh and surrounding areas with residential & commercial cleaning services. Darryl shares that carpet and upholstery cleaning essential to help alleviate the following conditions:

- Offensive odors in your home or office
- Eye and Skin Irritants
- Breathing and Asthma

Here are some more facts about Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning:

- Your carpet & upholstery harbors germs and bacteria that can be harmful to your health.



- Your upholstery should be vacuumed regularly because it sits up higher than your carpet, so it catches dirt, dust and debris before the carpet.
- EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) recommends for every walking creature (person or animal), you should vacuum your carpet, that many times per week.
- Your carpets & upholstery should be professionally cleaned at least once a year. More often depending upon the traffic level in your home or business.
- You could void the warranty on your carpet if, you don't maintain the manufacturer's warranty.
- Without the proper cleaning, dirt sits

in the carpet and becomes like sand paper. The general movement of people constantly walking on heavily soiled carpets through time breaks down the fibers in the carpet, therefore ruining the 2nd largest investment in your home.

You're welcome to clean your carpet any time of year, but Darryl's expert opinion is in the spring & fall.

### Forms of Carpet Cleaning:

**Green cleaning-** Green cleaning refers to using cleaning methods and products with environmentally friendly ingredients designed to preserve human health and environmental quality.

**Steam cleaning-** The process begins with a pre-cleaning enzyme or detergent sprayed over the carpet and allowed to absorb. Then, the carpet cleaner will spray down hot water on to the carpets, which will help the enzymes penetrate and loosen all of the dirt, oils and grime inside the carpet fibers. The carpet cleaner then extracts the water out using a portable or truck mounted suction devise.

**Dry foam-** This method is similar to steam cleaning, but instead of a pre-cleaning detergent and hot water, a dry chemical foam solution is laid down over the carpets, allowed to penetrate, and then sucked out by the suction hose.

**Encapsulation carpet cleaning -** Essentially the process entails a chemical detergent being laid down on the carpet with the help of a rotary brush or other machine. The detergent works to crystallize dirt, oil and other particles that are stuck on and in between the carpet fibers. These crystals are then easily vacuumed up with a regular vacuum.

**Bonnet or "carbonated" carpet cleaning -** Essentially this method involves

using a bonnet - another name for a mechanical brush cleaning machine - to scrub the carpets clean after the chemical shampoo has been applied.

**Scotchgard -** is a protective treatment made by 3M that can be applied to carpets after cleaning is complete. Scotchgard is actually quite effective at preventing stains and maintaining the health of both carpets and upholstery. **SPQ**



*Darryl's tip for the Soul Pitt readers, "For a healthier environment invest in your carpet." For a free consultation contact him at 412-447-1167 or email him or check out his business website*

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