# CARPET TILE CARE & MAINTENANCE

Thank you for purchasing carpet tile. There are simple steps to keep your flooring looking its best:

Carpet tiles should be installed in temperatures above 50°F.

### **General Cleaning**

- · Clean up spills immediately.
- Routinely vacuum, carpet tiles. The carpet tiles can be vacuumed, shampooed, or hosed down for cleaning. As with any surface, please use caution when wet. Do not walk or drive on carpet tiles until they are completely dry.
- Do not use any steam cleaners, steam generating mechanism and avoid heavy wet mopping. Not only can excess moisture cause slip and fall hazards but can get in the walls and structure of home.

Consistent general cleaning and dust removal is more effective maintenance solution than occasional heavy cleaning.

#### Spills & Spots

Immediately wipe up any spills/spots with a damp cloth or sponge. The following substances can cause discoloration and/or dullness: nail polish, acetone, lipstick, varnish, shoe polish, tar, spices, solvent-based paints, rubber mats/protectors, permanent markers, crayons.

#### **Protect**

Close blinds or drapes during peak sunlight hours. Excessive heat and light will subject flooring to thermal degradation and potential fading effects. Place mats at all entrances to keep dirt and debris off floor. Clean mats regularly to avoid dust, and loose debris build-up. Use non-staining, breathable mats. Rubber mats may discolor the floor. Use non-rubber floor protectors for furniture. Non-staining felt pads can be used provided they are changed on a regular basis to prevent dirt, debris, and sand buildup. Wide, non-staining casters at least 2" in diameter or floor protectors should be used on rolling furniture such as office chairs. To prevent point loads on heavy furniture, use large non-staining surface floor protectors. Do not use ball type castors as they can damage floors.

## Moving

When moving heavy furniture or appliances, place a sheet of Masonite or plywood under the piece being moved to distribute the weight and reduce denting or scratching. For light pieces use a clean blanket or a piece of carpet face down under the piece to be moved. Be aware of any sharp edges as they can scratch and gouge your floor's surface.

## Be Aware

Be aware of any sharp edges as they can scratch and gouge your floor's surface. Do not use tape or adhesive products of any kind on vinyl floors. Doing so may discolor and/or damage finish. Use of electric heating mats and other heating units directly on and/or under vinyl flooring can cause thermal degradation, compromise the surface and locking system.

#### Repair

Make simple cut and patch repairs anywhere.