

Choosing The Right Carpet Cleaner

(NAPSA)—While regular vacuuming with a strong, well-functioning and properly filtered vacuum can maintain the appearance of a carpet, it is inevitable that at some point a professional cleaning will be needed to remove soil and restore appearance. When choosing a carpet cleaner, it is important to know that they're not all alike. In fact, who you choose could make a difference in the



A certified professional is trained to follow proper cleaning techniques that can bring your carpet back to life.

quality of care your furnishings receive. Add to that the quality of equipment and technology involved and choosing the best professional can become a daunting task.

When choosing a carpet cleaner, The Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) recommends only hiring certified cleaning companies that employ trained technicians. Before hiring a carpet cleaning service, consumers should ask the company representative:

What are the basic services offered and what constitutes an extra charge? Which cleaning method will be used? Is there an extra charge for moving furniture? Does the company have a business license and carry insurance?

Prior to any services, it is important to request a written contract or invoice confirming the total price. To learn more, visit the IICRC Web site at www.certifiedcleaners.org.