

Care & Maintenance: PVC-free Wallcoverings

As with any quality product, proper care and maintenance will extend the useful life of your wallcovering and help maintain its original beauty and finish.

The following general cleaning instructions will serve as a guide to normal cleaning maintenance:

The wallcovering should be washed regularly enough to prevent dirt and grime from accumulating, and to maintain the original beauty. Depending on traffic (light, medium, heavy), the wallcovering surface should be washed from one to two or three times a year.

Stains should be removed as quickly as possible to eliminate any possible reaction between the staining agent and the wallcovering. Time is especially important for removing materials containing colors or solvents such as ballpoint ink, shampoo, tints and some foodstuffs. If soilants remain on the wallcovering too long, permanent discoloration may develop.

It should be noted that wallcoverings should not be sprayed with wax or other protective coatings. Such applications would only tend to discolor the material, and, in any case, would offer little protection.

Ordinary dirt and smudges can be removed with mild soap such as Ivory liquid hand dishwashing detergent and warm water. If necessary, a bristle brush can be used to remove dirt from the crevices of deeply textured patterns. Clean from bottom, upward. Using a sponge, rinse thoroughly with clean water, from the top, down. Deeply embossed wallcoverings need extra attention to prevent suds or loosened dirt from lodging in depressed surfaces. Dry wallcovering with a soft, lint-free cloth or towel.

Wallcovering products which include a high luster metallic finish should **ONLY** be cleaned with a mild cleansing agent such as soap, detergent and water. The use of more aggressive cleansing agents such as acidic or alkaline cleaners commonly used in institutional settings may cause damage to the decorative finish. In any case where a cleaning agent is applied the surface should be rinsed with clean water to complete the cleaning process in order to ensure there are no residual chemicals left on the surface.

We recommend all cleaners first be tested in an inconspicuous area to ensure compatibility with the wallcovering.

Not recommended for cleaning are isopropyl alcohol, powdered abrasive cleaners, or steel wool, as they may mar the surface, causing an unsightly appearance. DO NOT use active solvent type cleaning preparations such as nail polish remover, tar and bug remover, etc., as they will remove print and/or finish from the wallcovering.

With proper care and attention, Versa Designed Surfaces wallcoverings will remain beautiful and serviceable for years.

