

## **Cleaning & Maintenance Guideline**

## **Post Installation Cleaning**

- Once flooring installation is complete, (adhesive is cured and product rolled for glue down applications)
  - o Remove all dust, dirt, and debris by thoroughly sweeping, vacuuming, or using a dust mop.
  - Damp mop floor using a neutral PH cleaner diluted with warm water using a microfiber mop.
    (See dilution ratio on label)
    - Use a two-bucket system and change water frequently.
    - Use clean water to rinse away all detergent
    - Do not use any oil base cleaners as they will deteriorate the mats.
- If floor has been unprotected during construction and an excessive amount of dirt or debris is present, additional cleaning may be required.
  - o Use an auto scrubber with 185 RPM and a brush pressure between 35 and 85 lbs.
  - o If disc type equipment is used be sure to use a soft nylon brush, not a pad.
  - o Do not flood the floor.
- Allow floor to dry thoroughly and apply an acrylic polymer floor coating if needed for the application.
  - See directions on label.

## General Maintenance - Sealed/Unsealed Floors

- Sweeping then damp mopping with a microfiber mop is the preferred method of cleaning.
  - Do not use a string mop
- Use a two-bucket system with a neutral PH cleaner and change water frequently.
  - Products containing solvents and acids will attack the composite structure of the flooring and will cause deterioration.
  - o Sealants, waxes, etc can alter the surface characteristics and appearance.
  - o ecoGarde does not assume any responsibility for damages cause be chemical additives.
- If an acrylic polymer coating is used, be sure to apply a coating after cleaning.
  - See directions on label.

## Floor Treatment

- Using an acrylic polymer coating will:
  - Result in mats with a predominance of light-colored EPDM to be easier to clean and maintain.
  - o Improve the visual effects of shade variation an uneven distribution of color granules.
  - o See label for installation instructions.
- Contact your ecoGarde supplier for the correct choice in your application.

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