

## CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Humane mats are easy to keep clean and maintain since, in most cases, sweeping or vacuuming is all that is required to keep the mats clean. A "beater brush" vacuum works the best.

More stubborn dirt and grime can be removed with warm water and a mild cleaner. A mild solution of Dawn Dishwashing Liquid and warm water works extremely well.

Cleaning the mats soon after installation goes a long way towards reducing the initial odor of new material. We've been told that the scented Pinesol works well in this regard. You may also use Simple Green or even Bleach (use 1 capful bleach to 1 gallon of water, leave sitting on mats for approximately 20 min, and then clean up excess) There is still no substitute for proper ventilation to ensure new floor odors are at a minimum.

Whichever method you choose to clean your floors, it is important to make sure all the cleaner residue is mopped up thoroughly. Cleaners containing a wax agent are not recommended, as the wax can cause a build up. Make sure to use a nylon mop and not cotton, since cotton will leave particles behind.

**Caution:** Oil, grease and solvents should not be left on the mats for extended periods of time. Wipe off as soon as possible and clean any residue with soap and water.

Do not use petroleum based cleaners on mats, these can cause deterioration.