

COMMON CLEANING MISTAKES

Dust Mopping

- Swinging the mop, causes dust
- Tapping or raising the mop, causing dust (Does not include "lopping" the mop at the beginning)
- Over-treating, making the floor slippery
- Under-treating, mop too dusty
- Letting mop get too "loaded" (vacuum, wash or replace)
- Bumping furniture or walls
- Failing to dust mop when required
- Reaching too far (causes back strain)

Wet Mopping

- Over-use of detergent (leaving dirt attracting residue)
- Failure to change dirty water (redistributes soil)
- Mop not wrung completely (soil transfer, inefficient)
- Handle sticking out, hazardous
- Overuse of water
- Failing to wash out mop
- Twisting upper body or reaching too far

Spray-Buffering

- Application on a very dirty floor
- Not washing out the pad
- Not cleaning out the sprayer
- Letting the spray dry
- Overloaded pad
- Use as a cure-all
- Improper pad selection

Stripping

- Using too concentrated a solution - "burning" the floor
- Leaving water down too long - loosening, curling tiles
- Letting the solution dry on the floor (re-depositing)
- Failure to strip completely
- Failure to rinse after stripping
- Failure to clean baseboards

Applying Finish

- Applying coat too thick (soft, slippery, soils)
- Putting more than one coat up to the wall
- Changing finishes without stripping or testing
- Putting finish over a dirty floor
- Putting on second coat before first has dried
- Getting wax on baseboards and furniture
- Rubbing, causing bubbles
- Pouring old wax back in drum (breaks emulsion, contaminates)

Buffing

- Letting floor machine hit furniture & walls
- Not dust mopping first - scatters dirt & scratches surface
- Using wrong pad
- Fighting the floor machine

Restroom Care

- Not cleaning under lip of bowl
- Daily use of acid bowl cleaner
- Not dusting high up
- Letting waste receptacle stay dirty
- Reliance on deodorants
- Not cleaning "splash" areas around urinals & toilets

Room Care

- Not dusting under furniture
- Not dusting over lamps, doors, cabinets
- Door frame and hinge dusting
- Not cleaning wastebaskets
- No attention to handprints
- Ignoring overhead surfaces

