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## SHEDDING, PILLING & LOOSE LOOPS

**Shedding** is the fluffing or fuzzing of short, loose fibers which remain in a new carpet after manufacture. Shedding is a normal process which does not damage the rug, nor indicate a defective condition. New carpet and rugs tend to shed loose fibers for several months, longer if the carpet is not vacuumed regularly. Some of these fibers are not anchored to the backing of the carpet. Others are short fibers which have fallen into the pile during the manufacturing process. Even though the volume of fiber appears to be great, the actual amounts are quite small and will not change the wear or life expectancy of the carpet.

Excessive shedding over time or where holes in the carpet develop may indicate a problem with the latex used to hold everything together. This is a manufacturing issue.

**Pilling** refers a situation where a fiber is tightly twisted or entangled in the tuft. The fibers entangle and form a fuzzy ball, or "pill". Most people are familiar with pilling on sweaters or on polyester clothing. Pilling is not a problem if the pills break off or are pulled out by a vacuum. Pilling is most frequently found in polyester carpets, and occasionally in nylon carpets. Upon close examination, you will notice they have spider-like legs and they usually occur in the heavy traffic areas. These pills can be removed by using a sweater shaver (available at drug stores) or by grasping the pill with your thumb and forefinger and cutting it off with scissors. Be careful not to cut into the tufts!

**Loose loops.** Occasionally, on a loop style carpet, a loop becomes free. This usually occurs where the carpet has been seamed or at the end of the carpeted section. These should be trimmed off flush with the pile with scissors. Do NOT pull these as you will make the situation worse. If cutting the loop would result in a noticeable gap, you may re-glue the loop back into place with a hot melt glue gun. Be extremely careful if you are using this technique as the surrounding loops may melt if they come into contact with the hot tip.

Dog nails or tags can snag the loops as well. When a snag of a dog tag happens, the dog will usually try to pull free. This results in a large line of pulled loops.

Vacuums are also noted for snagging loops and quickly pulling out a large line as well. This usually happens if the beater bar has sustained some sort of nick or damage. It is important to periodically check the condition of the bar.

Mighty Mac has the trained technicians who can repair loose loop damage. We can repair a row of damaged loops. If there is a series of damaged loops like in the photo, we can patch the carpet if there is some spare carpet.

