

## RECOMMENDED CARE AND CLEANING FOR NATURAL FIBER FLOOR COVERINGS

### *Sisal - Coir – Seagrass*

- **Visible and Loose Dirt** – Should be regularly picked up with a broom or vacuum cleaner. Easily cleaned, because dirt will not cling to the hard, non-static fibers. Regular cleaning is necessary because loose particles of dirt reduce the life span of the floor covering with their scouring effect.
- **Water** – Can dissolve dirt particles and bring them to the surface. This may cause watermarks to form. Therefore spilled water or water from plant containers must be dabbed immediately with an absorbent white cloth and then dried with a hair blow dryer or floor fan. An absorbent powder like **Host** or **Capture** can also be used.
- **Spills** – Which are still moist, are the easiest to remove. Remove the spills promptly by scrapping up solids and blotting liquids. Follow by dabbing with a damp cloth of water (add white vinegar to the cloth to cut grease). Dry with a cloth or hair blow dryer.

### **Spot Removal and Overall Cleaning**

It is important during cleaning that the amount of moisture be controlled. The recommended method of spot removal and overall cleaning are with dry cleaning products. For spot removal we recommend the **K2R, Host** or **Capture** products, following the directions on the containers (available in hardware or grocery stores). For overall cleaning we recommend the “**Host System**” or “**Capture System**” listed in yellow pages under “carpet cleaning”.

Use the following natural fiber directions;

Use a cleaning machine with standard brushes and do not use prep or other liquid. Apply a smaller amount of dry cleaning powder “sponges” than you would for regular carpets and do more brushing with the machine. Make sure the cleaning sponges are evenly spread across the floorcovering, then let sink in until dry. These period can vary...between 30 minutes and 2 hours, depending on how dirty the floor is, how thickly the sponges has been applied and the humidity of the room. During the drying period, the cleaning substances contained in the sponges will cling to the dirt. When completely dry, vacuum with an upright, using an all brush agitator in both directions. Repeat a second time without using any additional sponges.

Brushing in the direction of the rows will help loosen the sponges trapped in the surface.