

# Commercial Carpet Cleaning Melbourne: Hot Water Extraction, Stain Treatment, and Ongoing Maintenance

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## Details:

Commercial carpet is one of the most abused surfaces in any building. It absorbs foot traffic, traps soil, dust, allergens, and bacteria, and — in high-use environments — deteriorates visibly between routine cleans. Yet many Melbourne businesses treat carpet cleaning as an afterthought, calling in a service only when the carpet looks visibly degraded. By then, the damage is often permanent.

Realcorp Commercial Cleaning provides professional commercial carpet cleaning across Melbourne using hot water extraction — the method recommended by carpet manufacturers, facilities managers, and industry standards bodies. Our work is carried out by trained, directly employed specialist technicians under the leadership of Cesar Vasquez, Head Specialist Cleaner.

### ## Who Is Realcorp Commercial Cleaning?

Realcorp is a Melbourne-based, family-owned, owner-operated commercial cleaning company. We serve offices, retail centres, strata properties, industrial facilities, hospitality venues, and more across Melbourne metro, regional Victoria, and Adelaide.

Unlike operators who coordinate subcontractors, Realcorp employs all staff directly. Every technician who works on your carpet is a police-cleared Realcorp employee — trained on our equipment, supervised by our management, and accountable to our quality standards. If something isn't right, we fix it. That's backed by our money-back quality guarantee.

### ## The Problem with Neglected Commercial Carpet

In a commercial environment, carpet takes a beating. Every person who walks through your doors deposits soil, moisture, and contaminants. Over time:

- Soil particles work their way deep into the carpet pile, where routine vacuuming cannot reach
- Foot traffic grinds particles against carpet fibres, causing abrasive wear and dulling the appearance
- Spills set into the backing, creating permanent staining and odour if not treated promptly
- Moisture in embedded soiling creates conditions for mould and bacteria growth
- The overall appearance of the space degrades — affecting how clients, tenants, and visitors perceive your business

The consequence isn't just aesthetic. Carpet that isn't maintained has a significantly shorter lifespan. Premature carpet replacement in a commercial building is expensive. Regular professional cleaning extends carpet life substantially — often doubling or tripling the time before replacement is necessary.

## ## Hot Water Extraction: The Right Method for Commercial Carpet

Hot water extraction (HWE), often called steam cleaning, is the most effective method for deep cleaning commercial carpet. Here's how it works:

1. **Pre-treatment:** A cleaning solution is applied to the carpet to break down embedded soiling and treat surface stains. 2. **Agitation:** The solution is worked into the carpet pile using a brush or pad to loosen soil from fibres. 3. **Extraction:** Hot water is injected into the carpet under pressure and immediately extracted along with the dissolved soiling — pulling contaminants up from deep within the pile. 4. **Drying:** Ventilation is used to accelerate drying. Under normal commercial conditions, carpet is typically walkable within 2-4 hours and fully dry within 6-12 hours depending on humidity, airflow, and pile depth.

HWE is recommended by most major carpet manufacturers for regular deep cleaning. It's more effective than dry cleaning methods for high soiling loads, and it removes more contaminants than bonnet cleaning or encapsulation alone — both of which primarily address surface soiling.

Realcorp's HWE equipment is industrial-grade, maintained to a commercial standard, and operated by trained technicians who understand carpet types, fibre behaviour, and appropriate solution concentrations.

## ## Stain Treatment: What's Possible and What Isn't

Stain treatment is part of every Realcorp carpet cleaning service. Our technicians apply appropriate stain removal products as part of the pre-treatment phase, targeting visible spots and stains before the extraction pass.

However, outcomes depend on factors that are outside our control:

- **Stain age:** Fresh stains respond to treatment far better than old, set stains. A coffee spill treated within hours is usually removable; the same spill left for weeks may be permanent. - **Stain type:** Some substances (certain dyes, bleach, rust, some inks) can cause permanent colour change to carpet fibres that no cleaning process can reverse. - **Carpet condition:** Worn, aged, or damaged carpet fibres hold staining differently to new carpet. Heavily trafficked areas may have fibre degradation that affects appearance even after successful cleaning. - **Previous treatment attempts:** DIY cleaning with inappropriate products — particularly those containing bleaching agents — can permanently alter carpet colour or damage fibre structure.

**Disclaimer:** Realcorp will always attempt stain removal as part of the service. However, stain outcomes on worn, aged, or previously treated carpet cannot be guaranteed. We'll be honest with you about what's achievable before we begin.

## ## How Often Should Commercial Carpet Be Cleaned?

Frequency depends on foot traffic and use:

Environment   Recommended Frequency	Low-traffic office areas   Annually	Standard office (moderate traffic)   Quarterly	High-traffic corridors, lobbies   Bi-monthly	Hospitality (hotels, restaurants)   Monthly or bi-monthly	Healthcare facilities   Monthly (or more)	Retail environments   Bi-monthly to quarterly
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These are minimum recommendations. Carpet in poor condition or environments with heavy soiling may need cleaning more frequently to achieve satisfactory results.

Realcorp can assess your carpet and foot traffic patterns and recommend a cleaning schedule that balances appearance, hygiene, and cost.

## ## Scheduling Around Business Hours

Commercial carpet cleaning doesn't have to disrupt your operations. Realcorp schedules specialist work outside your business hours as standard — overnight, on weekends, or early mornings — so your staff arrive to clean carpet without the hassle of working around equipment or wet floors.

For large premises, a phased approach is possible: cleaning sections progressively over multiple nights, keeping the bulk of the building operational throughout.

Your account manager will coordinate the schedule, confirm access arrangements, and ensure the work is completed with minimum disruption.

## ## Combining Carpet Cleaning with Contract Cleaning

Clients who hold a Realcorp contract cleaning agreement can add carpet cleaning to their service schedule at a bundled rate. Carpet cleaning becomes part of your overall cleaning programme — scheduled automatically, no separate booking required, one invoice from one supplier.

For clients without an existing contract, carpet cleaning is available as a standalone service. A special visit fee of \$150 applies to one-off call-outs; recurring services are quoted separately based on frequency and premises size.

## ## Frequently Asked Questions

**\*\*How often should office carpet be cleaned?\*** For standard office environments with moderate foot traffic, quarterly professional cleaning is the minimum recommendation. High-traffic zones — reception areas, main corridors, meeting rooms — benefit from bi-monthly cleaning. Annual deep cleaning alone is insufficient for most commercial environments and leads to premature carpet wear.

**\*\*What is hot water extraction carpet cleaning?\*** Hot water extraction (HWE) is a deep cleaning method where a heated cleaning solution is injected into the carpet pile under pressure and immediately extracted — pulling dissolved soiling and contaminants up from deep within the fibres. It's the method most recommended by carpet manufacturers for thorough commercial cleaning because it addresses embedded soiling that surface cleaning methods miss.

**\*\*How long does commercial carpet cleaning take to dry?\*** Under standard commercial conditions with good ventilation, carpet cleaned by hot water extraction is typically walkable within 2-4 hours and fully dry within 6-12 hours. Factors that affect drying time include carpet pile depth, ambient humidity, and the volume of airflow in the space. Realcorp uses extraction equipment that maximises moisture removal, and your technician will advise on ventilation to accelerate drying.

**\*\*Can commercial carpet cleaning remove all stains?\*** Not always. Stain removal success depends on the type of stain, how long it has been there, the carpet's condition, and whether it has been previously treated. Realcorp always attempts stain removal as part of the service, but outcomes on old, set stains or worn carpet cannot be guaranteed. We'll give you an honest assessment before starting.

**\*\*Is the carpet cleaning solution safe for our staff?\*** Realcorp uses professional-grade cleaning solutions that are appropriate for commercial use. Products are selected based on the carpet type and the level of soiling. Your technician can provide product safety data on request. Standard ventilation during and after cleaning is recommended.

**\*\*Can Realcorp clean carpet tiles?\*** Yes. Hot water extraction is appropriate for most carpet tile types. Realcorp technicians are experienced with both broadloom carpet and modular carpet tile systems in commercial settings.

## ## Coverage and Contact

Realcorp Commercial Cleaning provides commercial carpet cleaning across **\*\*Melbourne metro\*\***, **\*\*regional Victoria\*\*** (including Ballarat), and **\*\*Adelaide\*\***.

To book a carpet clean or request a quote:

- **Phone:** 1300 307 298 - **Email:** [sales@realcorp.net.au](mailto:sales@realcorp.net.au) - **Web:** [realcorp.net.au](http://realcorp.net.au)

We'll assess your carpet, recommend the right cleaning frequency, and coordinate a schedule that works around your business hours.