

How To Remove Carpet Adhesive

How to Remove Carpet and Remove Carpet Adhesive using Non-Toxic Carpet Stripper: Step 1: Clear the room of all objects, and remove baseboards, vinyl borders, or at least the quarter molding if there is a 2-part baseboard. If the baseboard is not mounted on top of the carpet, then this is not necessary for carpet removal. Step 2: Determine how carpet was installed. There are two typical installation methods. Removing tacked wall-to-wall carpet: If it is wall-to-wall carpeting then it is usually tacked down using "tack strips," that are basically strips of wood with upward facing tacks that are nailed into the underlying floor. Then carpet is stretched over them and pressed onto the tack strips. If this is the case, then simply pull upward on the carpet from the edge using a pair of vice grips, or another easy way is to use a utility knife to make a cut in the carpet about 6 inches parallel from the wall. That will eliminate the tension and the remaining 6" strip will be easy to pull off the tack strips. Then, continue to cut the carpet in rows across the room into whatever size you feel is manageable. With the tack strips removed, you'll be able to easily roll up the old carpet and remove it. To remove carpet tack strips, use a pry bar to lift the tack strips. We like the Stanley Wonderbar that costs just under 10 bucks. Removing Carpet that has been attached with carpet adhesive: The second way carpet is installed is with carpet adhesive. Hopefully only the edges are glued, but in many cases the whole carpet is glued. First, use your utility knife to cut the carpet into manageable strips - either in rows, or some suggest to cut an "X" in your carpet and fold the corners inward. Either way, first pull off as much carpet as you can, using the help of a scraper if necessary. What's left is the adhesive and the bottom layer of carpet fibers. To remove the adhesive layer, we strongly recommend the BEAN-e-doo Mastic Remover, available in a 1 gallon or 5 gallon size. BEAN-e-doo Mastic Remover is a soy-based environmentally safe organic and non-toxic adhesive remover. It has no harmful chemicals, no outgassing, and uses the natural properties of soybeans to safely dissolve adhesive. Once the non-toxic carpet stripper has done its job, just scrape the adhesive and remove. You'll need 1 Gallon of BEAN-e-doo for each 200 SQFT. Check to see how much of the carpet is glued down before ordering, as you'll only need to cover the parts that have been glued. We love this stuff! It performs as good or better than any chemical mastic remover, but is non-toxic. Be aware, however, that you will be stirring up and dissolving hardened adhesive, so it's still best to ventilate the area and vacate during the dissolving phase. Step 1: Pour BEAN-e-doo onto the floor, and spread with a squeegee. Make sure to cover the floor as evenly as possible, and use a little extra on the thick spots. Then let sit for 4 hours. Step 2: Using your carpet and adhesive scraper, scrape the gel and adhesive firmly and remove. Step 3: After picking up and removing carpet adhesive and gel, there will be a thin slippery layer left. Use Franmar Chemical's "Emerge" all-purpose cleaner and degreaser. Make sure that the mastic or adhesive has been sufficiently removed and that the surface is clean and dry before applying sealer. NOTE: BEAN-e-doo Mastic Remover is recommended for concrete or tile surfaces, but NOT recommended for use on wood. Franmar does make wood-safe adhesive removers, but the BEAN-e-doo product is designed for removing carpet mastic and carpet adhesive from concrete. Tools you will need:

- Utility knife
- Scraper
- Pry bar

- Mop
- Franmar's BEAN-e-doo Mastic Remover
- Franmar's Emerge Cleaner and Degreaser