

Carpeting



Photo: Milliken

Snapshot

Highest price square yard:	\$29
Average price square yard:	\$18
Lowest price square yard:	\$16

Pricing Trends

2011-2012: +5% to +6%

2012-2013: +5%

2013-2014: +1%

Typical delivery time: 4 to 6 weeks

Typical delivery charges: Varies

Average life span of product: Often 10 to 15 years

Standard warranty: 10 years, although many companies offer a lifetime warranty

Average maintenance cost per year: Labor, specifically cleaning, is the biggest cost, although spots and vacuuming should be factored into annual cost.

(Figures cited are averages of all respondents' answers. Actual pricing will vary due to volume, bundling and other factors of a purchase.)

Sources: CFR, Milliken Carpet, PatCraft, Shaw Floors

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“Will a nurse be able to push a medication cart easily across the carpet, or will he or she have to build up some major muscle to get med pass completed? Often, a hallway may look like an obstacle course: You may have an activity cart, medication cart, linen cart and a dirty linen cart. Throw in carpeting with designs or large patterns and your residents with dementia may become withdrawn or agitated and not want to walk on it.”

Jo Walters, RNC, CDONA, CDP, Director of Wellness, Blanchard House (Assisted Living Concepts), Kenton, OH

Buyer Notes

- Evaluate technology when it comes to carpet, such as whether stain-resistant or moisture-wicking features can make it last longer.
- There's a move to contemporary design in carpeting. Many new facilities are choosing lighter colors or modern patterns over more traditional designs. However, memory units must make sure that residents won't misstep with patterns that look like stairs.
- Some experts advise budgeting for daily cleaning and vacuuming in high-traffic areas. One carpet cleaning method is extraction, which involves heated water, sometimes with chemicals, while simultaneously vacuuming the sprayed water and any dissolved dirt.

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