



Photo: J+J Flooring

Carpeting

Snapshot

Lowest priced square yard: \$23 | Mid-range priced square yard: \$31 | Highest priced square yard: \$35

Typical delivery time: 2 days to 6 weeks

Typical delivery charges:

As low as \$0.50 to \$1.50 per yard

Average life span of product:

10 years

Standard warranty:

10 years, although warranties “are often meaningless,” one vendor says.

Average maintenance costs per year:

Hot water extraction is often a good investment.

Buyers Notes

- Surveyors are often examining decibel levels in a facility, which may compel a bit of a trend back to carpet, along with a potential for more drapes over blinds.
- Ask if the carpet can be recycled. Major cities are starting to care about an environmental footprint.
- If the product isn't installed properly, the warranty is voided. Don't do the installation yourself, some insiders warn.
- Research if the building has asbestos and ask about old carpet removal. Do a moisture test before installation. Red wine, one vendor said, is a common spill on resident carpeting.
- At least one company is unveiling a carpet with sensor-tracking, which will allow caregivers to see both whether a resident has fallen and if maintenance has been in to clean.

“You want to be careful with patterns and you should hire an interior designer. Ask how easy the carpet will be to clean. It also should be easy to replace carpet tiles when needed.”

— Andy Trepanier, Executive Director, Cloverwood Senior Living, Brighton, NY

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

Sources: Invacare, J+J Flooring, Mannington Commercial, Masland, Noelker and Hull, Shaw, Signature Accord, Tarkett Group

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