

Cleaning Kollege Section 1- 13 Matting

Floor matting is the single best means to cut down on cleaning. Although wholistically there are a multitude of preemptive steps you can take to reduce the amount of time that cleaning takes and generally improve results. The best way to move dirt is a dump truck. The best way to stop it is a wall. Matting is a wall that can remove and improve a building's appearance and sustainability.

- The ISSA reported that the estimated cost of removing a single pound of dirt from a building can exceed \$600.
- \$1 spent keeping soil out of your building will save up to \$10 in removing it once it's inside according to Cleaning & Maintenance Management.

85% of dirt, dust, and moisture brought into a building can be contained within the first 15 to 18 feet with proper matting (ISSA). A 3-Mat Entry System for this very reason. The 3 mat types that make up this system are scraper mats, (scraper/wiper) mats, and carpeted (wiper) mats.

Scraper Mats

Scraper mats are the first step of this system. These types of mats are placed outside your building as your first defense against dirt, grime, and moisture. These mats feature surface cleats designed to scrape tough dirt and grime from shoes with the bi-level design trapping dirt below foot level. Many scraper mats are available in various colors patterns and textures, and have a surface constructed to filter dirt and moisture away with drainable borders.

Absorbent Mats

The second line of defense is absorbent (scraper/wiper) mats. Depending on your entry way and the mat you choose, these mats can be placed indoors or outdoors however they last longest placed just inside of the door, particularly in our climate. These mats have the bi-level surface construction that removes and traps dirt below foot level, but also have been designed with a water dam border that holds up to 1.5 gallons of water per square yard. They dissipate water to make the drying process faster than standard fabrics.

Carpeted Mats

Carpet mats complete the picture offering last step removal and nearly complete drying. Most importantly they offer aesthetic improvement in your front entrance.

How much matting do I need?

It isn't necessarily scientific how much we can recommend but... A simple rule is that every building should have a minimum of 15 feet of matting at the main entrance for up to 100 sets of feet. For every hundred additional sets of feet per day another 5 feet should be added.

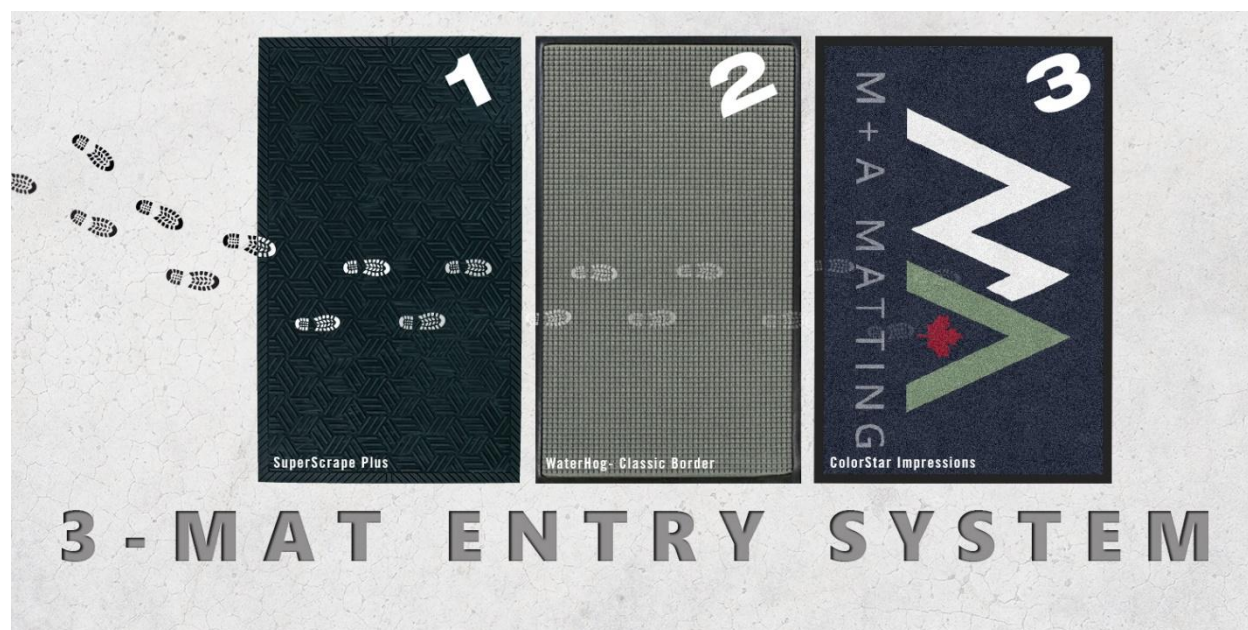
How long will mats last?

Again, there is no science to this but... There are suggested rules. Premium mats last 5-6 years for peak effectiveness. They can always be used for longer at secondary entrances to help budget-conscious customers. Often as long as 2-3 additional years.

What is the difference between Renting and buying?

When customers choose to rent matting, they do so for a limited number of reasons. They are unaware of the cost of doing so versus owning. They simply do not have the staff to clean and maintain these mats. Most often of all they simply want one less worry. We often see a peak in purchase of matting caused by downturns in the economy.

Typical Rental mats cost (3x6) (per year)	\$260-520
Replacement cost for a premium 3x6 mat	\$190
Cost of maintenance annually for purchased matting	\$97



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