



How To Clean Car Floor Mats

Use this how-to guide to clean your car or truck floor mats back to new condition!

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INTRODUCTION

Judging by the looks, my wife's floor mats haven't been cleaned since the car rolled off the showroom floor in 2000. I created this guide based on a tried-and-true technique that my mother showed me when I was a wee lass.

There may or may not be better techniques out there, but I know this one works with common household items on-hand.



TOOLS:

- [Garden Hose](#) (1)
- [Push Broom](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [Laundry Detergent](#) (1)

Step 1 — How To Clean Car Floor Mats



- Soak the floor mat generously with water.
- ⓘ I used [this power washer](#) for the procedure, but it's totally unnecessary. You can just use a regular water hose.
- Bonus: if you're doing it right, a rainbow will manifest itself to congratulate you.

Step 2



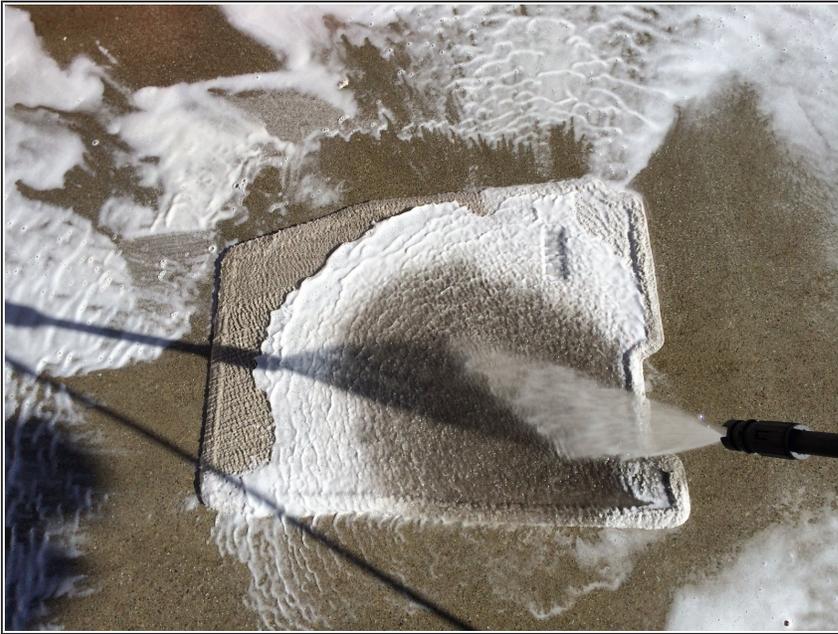
- Spread your favorite granule-based, eco-friendly laundry detergent onto the entire area of the floor mat.
- Why eco-friendly? This soapy gray water will go down the curb and into your favorite creek. So be nice to it!
- ⓘ You don't have to use a whole bunch, as the stuff is quite soapy. Just have enough sprinkled so that most of the mat is covered.

Step 3



- Scrub like crazy with a push broom. As you can see in the photo, I'm preventing the mat from moving by standing on an edge.
- Brush in a couple of different directions so you agitate all the contaminants from various angles.
- ⓘ No push broom (or other stiff brush) handy? No problem! Take your shoes and socks off, and scrub with your feet. Just be careful to not slip off the mat. You **do not** want to rub your feet up against concrete, or whatever surface the mat is on.
- As a bonus, you will have the cleanest feet in the tri-state area after this procedure.

Step 4



- Thoroughly wash off the soap:
 - Start on one edge of the floor mat and push the soap all the way across the mat.
 - Repeat the rinsing until juices run clear, so to speak.

Step 5



- Repeat for all of the other floor mats in the car.
- **i** Bonus tip: If you want extra-clean sneakers, now's the time to scrub them as well! just detach the broom from the handle, or use a wet sock to agitate the dirt on each sneaker.

Put the floor mats back into the car (or truck) once they've finished drying.