

The easiest way to set up your new Grizzly Sanitize system is to watch the 2-minute video on our website!

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SYSTEM SETUP

What's in the box?

Your new Grizzly Sanitize matting system is composed of two mats:

1. **Wet Side** mat, the 3'0" x 2'0" smaller mat that will hold quaternary sanitizing solution.
2. **Dry Side** mat, the 3'0" x 6'0" larger mat that will be placed immediately after the Wet Side mat to prevent wet shoes from causing slip and fall accidents.

Open the box and remove both mats from inside. Both mats will be curled from being shipped in a box – **this is normal!** Cart Edge is an extruded vinyl ramp designed to be stiff; this stiffness gives your mats outstanding stability while in service, but it will relax with time as it warms up in a room-temperature environment.

Unboxing and getting the system ready to use

To speed up the relaxing process and uncurl the edging faster, use a technique called “backrolling.”

1. Unbox your mats as soon as possible and bring them indoors so that they have a chance to acclimate to room temperature. Backrolling mats that are extremely cold can break the adhesive bonds between the edging and backing that makes Grizzly Sanitize leakproof, so allow them to warm up if they are extremely cold from shipping.
2. Lay your mats on the floor so that they are curling “down” / so that their tendency to curl is pushing against the floor and they’re in a semi-dome shape. Position the mats so that the Wet Side mat is first and the Dry Side mat is second as people walk in your door.
3. Starting at the more-curved end of the mat, loosely roll up the mat in the direction opposite from the way they are currently curling. The intention is that the rolling you are now doing will oppose the way the mats were rolled up in the box.

Best Practice: Backroll “against” the curl!

4. **Do not roll too tightly!** It is more effective to loosely roll a mat and hold it in that rolled-up state for longer than it is to tightly roll a mat. Tightly rolling the mat risks damaging the edging or breaking the adhesive bonds that make the Wet Side mat leakproof.



5. Roll your way across the entire mat until it's fully rolled up, and hold for several moments. Repeat the backrolling process until your mats are laying (mostly) flat.
6. Mats will continue to relax with time in a room-temperature environment. This process can be passively helped by placing smooth, weighted objects on top of particularly stubborn edging for time. Suggested objects are hardcover books, loaded cardboard boxes, or other heavy, smooth-bottomed items that will weigh-down the edging overnight to help it flatten out.

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Charging the system

Grizzly Sanitize works by coating shoe soles with diluted quaternary sanitizing solution. The Wet Side mat is charged by filling it with approximately 2 litres of diluted quaternary sanitizing solution. The Dry Side mat wipes off the contact patches between the shoe sole and your floor to prevent the wet shoes from causing a slip and fall accident.

Best Practice: *Grizzly Sanitize works with virtually any **quaternary sanitizer** – so you can fill the system with the quaternary sanitizer that you're already familiar with and use regularly. No proprietary chemicals needed!*

Best Practice: *Use only quaternary sanitizer – **DO NOT USE BLEACH**. Bleach – even when diluted - will damage your installed flooring and could damage your Grizzly Sanitize mats.*

Consult the MSDS for your preferred quaternary sanitizer. In a clean, pourable container, dilute the sanitizing solution that you will to charge your Wet Side mat per the manufacturer's instructions or the label on the sanitizer container. Different quaternary sanitizers have different dilution strengths based on the intended effect; mix your diluted solution for "sanitizing" strength, not "disinfecting" strength. Surfaces that are contaminated with physical pieces of dirt and debris cannot be fully disinfected until after they've been cleaned; it's a waste to use your quaternary solution in too-strong of a concentration because there is no additional benefit.

Best Practice: Mix your diluted solution for “*sanitizing*” strength, not “*disinfecting*” strength.

After properly mixing your sanitizing solution, you will need to pour approximately 2 litres into the Wet Side mat to fully charge it for use. Starting at one side, slowly pour the solution into the mat, moving back and forth from top to bottom as you work your way across the mat from one side to the other. The intention is to fully saturate the mat without wasting sanitizing solution or overflowing the Wet Side mat.

After pouring the solution, step into the Wet Side mat to check for saturation. A fully-charged mat will visibly “squish” up sanitizing solution around your shoes as you step on the mat. Grizzly Sanitize works by coating shoes with a limited amount of sanitizing solution, but the solution level in the Wet Side must be maintained based on traffic levels. Grizzly Sanitize will continue to wick-up sanitizer solution from the bottom of the mat to the tops of the nylon fibres, but it requires a minimum amount of sanitizer solution to work properly.

Best Practice: Watch for the *squish!* as people stand on your Wet Side mat. The squish is how you can tell that Grizzly Sanitize is working!

Regularly monitor the sanitizer solution level in the Wet Side mat. Although less sanitizer solution will be lost to evaporation in Grizzly Sanitize versus open-tray sanitary mats, there will be some loss over time. The amount of traffic using your Grizzly Sanitize system will also impact how long a charge lasts, as each pair of shoes that uses the system takes some sanitizing solution with them.

Different quaternary solutions also have different chemical ‘effectiveness windows’, which indicates how long they remain effective when exposed to open air. Please consult the manufacturer’s MSDS or product label for your specific quaternary cleaner’s properties. Recharge the system when the sanitizer level gets too low for a visible “squish”, or once your solution’s effectiveness window has elapsed.

Best Practice: When the *squish!* isn’t seen, it’s time to recharge. Slowly add more diluted sanitizing solution and test until the squish can be seen again.

End of day shutdown

At the end of the day, it’s important to properly shutdown your Grizzly Sanitize system. This gives the system a chance to fully dry out overnight and be ready for use again the next day. Shutting down the system is easy.

1. Using a dry/wet vacuum, vacuum out any remaining sanitizing solution from the Wet Side mat. Two complete passes across the Wet Side mat are typically enough to remove the solution from a fully-charged mat. If needed, vacuum out any excess solution from the Dry Side mat if it is wet. This is typically only needed in excessively-heavy traffic situations.
2. Dry vacuum the Dry Side mat to remove dirt, sand, and debris. Vacuuming both sides of the system will also remove any dirt, sand, and debris that has been collected.



Best Practice: *Dirt and debris will reduce the solution-carrying capacity of the Wet Side mat and will reduce its effectiveness, so vacuum daily!*

MAINTENANCE

Weekly maintenance

Once a week, it's beneficial to rinse out your Wet Side mat with clean water to remove any dirt, sand, and other debris that will have accumulated in the mat.

Your Wet Side mat can be rinsed with clean water in a utility sink. Alternatively, if one is available, a regular low-pressure garden hose can be used to rinse out your Wet Side mat.

After rinsing, use a dry/wet vacuum to suck up any remaining rinse water and allow the mat to stand to dry.

Best Practice: *Don't forget about your floor underneath the mats! Sweep and damp mop the floors underneath your Grizzly Sanitize mats while you are doing your weekly maintenance. Dirt and dust underneath the mats is a primary cause of mats shifting, moving, and sliding around while in use.*

Spot cleaning

Spot cleaning is vitally important to prevent temporary blemishes from becoming permanent. Removing stains and foreign contaminants from your Grizzly Sanitize mats as soon as possible will help prevent permanent damage.

For solid substances, gently scrape away as much of the contaminant as possible using a soft bristle brush or the edge of a spoon.

Liquid spills should be dabbed using white blotting paper or a terrycloth towel, repeating until the paper/towel is no longer wet. Do not rub or push down on the spot – always blot gently, moving in a circular motion from the outside of the spot towards the inside and with an upward motion. Keep blotting until you cease to get transfer from the mat to your paper/towel.

Add a small amount of water to the spot. (Hot spills should be removed with water the same temperature.) Do not soak the stain – add just enough water to get transfer of the spot to your paper/towel. Repeat this process as long as you get transfer of the spot.

For stains that have dried, use a small hand-held extractor for spot cleaning. Attempt to remove the stain with only water at first; if this is unsuccessful, use a **minimal** amount of commercially-available spot remover. Rinse the mat until no suds come back out of it to extract all cleaning products – it's important that you do not leave any spot remover residue behind! Allow the area to dry before walking on it.



Don't forget the floor underneath!

No mat is able to trap 100% of the dirt entering a building 100% of the time. This means that eventually some dirt will accumulate around the edges of the mat and usually end up being swept, brushed, or kicked underneath it. These dirt particles trapped between your hard floor and the mat backing can act like tiny ball bearings, allowing your mat to 'walk' in the same direction as foot traffic over time.

To prevent your mat from 'walking', lift and move the mat to vacuum and damp mop underneath it and to remove the dirt accumulation. This should be done as frequently as you maintain the rest of your hard flooring in this area. Removing this dirt will also help prevent damage to your hard flooring surface underneath. Ensure that you allow the floor to completely dry after damp mopping to prevent the potential growth of mold or bacteria.

STORAGE & HANDLING

Edging is not a handle!

When you have to pick up and move your Grizzly Sanitize mats, **do not pull and carry the mats by their edging**. Pulling and carrying mats by the edging can break the adhesive bonds between the backing and the edging and create leaks in your Wet Side mat.

Pick up your Wet Side mat by loosely folding in half and holding it so that its weight is supported across the entire mat.

Pick up your Dry Side mat by loosely rolling the mat up and holding it so that its weight is supported across the entire mat.

Moving mats in place.

Your mats can be moved-in-place easily (to adjust positioning, straighten them out, or other precision movements.) The easiest way to move your mat is to put a thin cushion of air underneath it and then move it while it's aloft. This is similar to the way the puck on an air hockey table works.

Start at one end of your Dry Side mat and position yourself so that you are directly facing one of the corners. Tightly grab one short side and one long side with your hands about 8" on either side of the corner. (Try to get your fingers on to the mat backing as much as possible!)

Sharply raise the mat and lower the mat like you're "fluffing" a blanket on your bed (about 12" off the ground.) The intended outcome is to put a cushion of air underneath the mat. You may need to repeat the blanket-fluffing motion a couple of times to get the hang of it and to get enough air underneath the mat to move it easily.

Best Practice: *When there is enough air cushion underneath the mat, it's almost effortless to move it! If your mat doesn't want to move easily, add more air cushion – not more force.*



Immediately after fluffing and while the air cushion is still underneath, push/pull the mat in the direction you want to move it. You will only have a few moments to move the mat easily while the air cushion is underneath it! If you don't move the mat enough in time, re-fluff the mat to get more air and try again.

This technique can be used effectively even on very large entrance mats! Just be sure to put as little stress as possible on the attached edging. It's always better to re-fluff many times over to make movement easy and low effort.

Rolling and storing mats for extended periods

If you have to store your entrance mat for an extended period of time, please be sure to store it in the correct manner for your mat. The backing on entrance matting is stiffer and less flexible than other kinds of flooring, so special care must be taken to prevent damage during storage. Store your entrance mat loosely rolled up, and preferably with a heavy cardboard tube inside to help it retain its shape. Roll your mat with the traffic side facing out. Never stand your rolled mat upright on its end, as this can damage the vinyl edging and cause bubbling when the mat is re-laid; lay your rolled mat flat on its side, and ensure that no other objects are stacked on top of it. **Logo mats should NOT be stored rolled up as rolling can break the bond between the logo and the backing and cause the logo to detach.**

Logo mats need special care

You've made an investment in the appearance of your facility through the purchase of a logo mat, and these mats require a little special care to keep them looking their best.

Take special care in moving these mats for cleaning. Remember, the logo present in your mat is made up of individual pieces of matting that have been custom cut and hand-fit into your mat; your mat is not a single, homogenous piece of material. **Never tightly roll up a logo mat to move it, and never store a logo mat in a rolled up state.** To move your logo mat to clean the floor underneath it, loosely curl it into the largest roll practical and unroll it while you are cleaning the area. Roll your mat with the traffic side facing out. If you need to store your logo mat, store it lying flat – never leave it rolled up for extended periods of time. **Never bonnet buff your logo mats – you could tear the logo right out!**

STATEMENT OF WARRANTY

Limited Warranty

The following is made in lieu of all express or implied rights, warranties, and conditions, statutory or otherwise. Source Floor & Specialties Inc. warrants that Grizzly FX Premium Dryer/Scraper Entrance Matting shall be free of defects in material and manufacture and will provide satisfactory performance for recommended applications for three years from date of purchase provided the Purchaser can demonstrate that all maintenance instructions contained within this document have been carried out. Source Floor & Specialties Inc.'s only obligation shall be to repair or replace (at Source Floor's option) such quantity of material proved defective. Source Floor shall not be liable for any injury, loss, or damage direct or indirect arising out of use of the matting. The Purchaser is responsible for determining whether the product is fit for a particular purpose and suitable for the user's application. This warranty shall not apply to damage as a result of abuse, misuse, or because of a failure to correctly install, maintain, and/or clean the product.