

STAIN REMOVAL CHART & PROCEDURES

Stain	Procedure	Stain	Procedure	Stain	Procedure
Asphalt	A	Furniture Polish	A	Mixed Drinks	B-M
Beer	B	Grease-Food	A	Mustard	C-M
Berries	B-M	Grease-Auto	A	Nail Polish	L
Blood	B	Glue-White	B-C	Paint-Latex	B
Butter	B	Glue-Hobby	A-L	Paint-Oil	A
Candle Wax	O-A	Ice Cream	B	Pet Food	C-M
Candy	B	Ink-Ball Point	A	Paper Mache	B
Catsup	C-M	Ink-Marker	A-M	Shoe Polish	A-M
Chewing Gum	G-A	Kool-Aid	C-M	Shortening	A
Chocolate	B	Lemonade	C-M	Soft Drinks	C-M
Chalk	P	Lipstick	A	Tar	A
Coffee	B-M	Makeup	A-B	Tea	B-M
Cooking Oil	A-C	Mascara	A	Urine-Dry	B
Dirt or Clay	P	Mayonnaise	B	Urine-Wet	B
Dyes	M	Mercurochrome	M	Vomit	C
Excrement	C	Methiolate	M	Wine-Red	M
Fruit Drinks	C-M	Milk	B	Wine-White	B
Fruit Juice	C-M	Mud	B	Unknown	A-B

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Time and patience are the key to stain removal. In the event of a spill, take the time to carefully read the following procedures and then follow them thoroughly. Repeat the procedures as long as there is improvement. If a spill is attended to immediately, it may be possible to remove the spill by blotting with a slightly damp sponge or dry paper towels, followed by cold water sprays and further blotting. If this procedure fails to remove the stain full, follow the procedures outlined below.

APPLY: Solutions, solvents, water and other liquids should be applied to a clean white paper towel (not printed) and used to dampen the carpet. Never wet the carpet through to the backing.

BLOT: Press straight down with a clean white paper towel—NEVER RUB—rubbing alters the carpet fiber. In a final blotting step, and 1/2” pad of clean white paper towels placed on the cleaned spot with a weight and left overnight is the best way to absorb the last traces of liquid and foreign materials.

SCRAPE: Gently scoop or scrape with the blunt edge of a spoon.

CLEANING SOLUTIONS

Detergents: Mix 1/2 tsp. clear dishwashing detergent with 1 c. warm water.

Presoak Solution: Mix 1 tsp. enzyme presoak (Axion, Biz, etc.) with 1 c. warm water.

Hydrogen Peroxide: Mix 1/2 c. hydrogen peroxide with 1 tsp. household ammonia. Use within 2 hours.

Ammonia: Undiluted household ammonia.

Vinegar: Undiluted white vinegar.

Dry Powder: Such as Host, Capture or Absorb-a-Spill.

Dry Cleaning Solvent: Non-oily, non-caustic type sold for garment spot removal. (Carbona, Energine, etc.)

CLEANING PROCEDURES

Procedure A: Apply dry cleaning solvent, use damp cloth. Blot (don't rub). Repeat dry cleaning application as before. Blot—finish with weighted pad of paper towels.

Procedure B: Scrape or blot up excess spill. Apply detergent—use damp cloth. Blot (don't rub). Apply ammonia solution. Apply white vinegar. Blot (don't rub). Apply water and blot.

Procedure C: Scrape or blot up excess spill. Apply dry baking soda. Scrape and vacuum. Apply water with damp sponge. Blot. Apply presoak solution. Use damp cloth. Apply water and rinse.. Blot, apply dry powder and vacuum.

Procedure G: Scrape or blot up excess spill. Freeze with ice cubes. Shatter with blunt object, like the back of a spoon. Vacuum chips away before they melt.

Procedure L: Apply nail polish remover (non-oily type). Use cotton swab to apply to the spill. (Don't wet through to the carpet backing). Pick up softened material, use clean white paper towels and push toward the center of the spot to avoid spreading material. Repeat above.

Procedure M: Apply detergent solution—use damp cloth, leave 3-5 min. Blot (don't rub). Apply hydrogen peroxide solution, let stand 2-3 hrs under a weighted pad of white paper towels. Repeat application of hydrogen peroxide and weighted pad until removal is complete. Apply with vinegar and blot.

Procedure O: Scrape off excess material. Cover with brown paper. Apply warm iron until material is absorbed. Change paper or rotate as necessary.

Procedure P: Vacuum away as much as possible. Loosen remaining material by tapping with a scrub brush or tooth brush. Vacuum. Apply dry powder. Tap with brush to work powder into carpet tufts. Let powder dry 1 hr or more. Vacuum and repeat if necessary.



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