

Free Stain Removal Guide

Following the general cleaning instructions below will often be all you need to remove a stain. If not, this report lists 64 substances that can cause stains in your home. Beside each one, is the letter corresponding to the specific cleaning method you should use. Following the corresponding instructions should keep these stains from becoming permanent. If these suggestions do not remove your stain, contact us immediately.

General cleaning instructions

1. Blot up as much of the spill as possible with paper towels or a clean cloth. For food spills, scrape off as much as possible with a spoon.
2. Blot repeatedly with towel liberally saturated with water, changing to clean towel frequently.
3. Apply warm water and rub deep into the pile with your fingers. Blot excess. Do not scrub. Carpets do not respond well to scrubbing action. Removable spots will respond slower, but without risk to the carpet fiber.
4. Apply warm water and dishwashing liquid like Dawn (1 teaspoon of detergent to one cup of warm water) rub deep into the pile with your fingers. Blot excess and rinse with clear water. Blot.
5. Repeat steps until stain is gone. Finish by placing layers of clean white cloth or white paper towels over the area. Walk on paper towels or weight the cloths until excess moisture is absorbed.
6. Brush up pile with gentle strokes or vacuum and allow to dry completely before using.

If the above procedure fails to remove the stain, please find the specific stain you need to remove listed below, and follow the suggested procedure as outlined on page two.

Stain	Method	Stain	Method	Stain	Method
Asphalt	A - B	Fruit Juice	M	Mud	P-B
Beer	B	Furniture Polish	A	Mustard	M
Berries	M	Grease-Food	A - B	Nail Polish	L
Blood	M	Grease-Auto	A	Paint-Latex	B
Butter	A	Glue-White	B	Paint-Oil	A
Candle Wax	O - A	Glue-Hobby	A-L	Perfume	D
Calamine	A-B	Gravy	D	Pet Food	M
Candy	B	Hand Lotion	D	Play Dough	A-M
Catsup	D	Glue	M	Rust	R-M
Cheese	D	Ice Cream	B	Shoe Polish	A-M
Chewing Gum	G - A	Ink-Ball Point	A	Soft Drinks	M
Chocolate	B	Ink-India	A-M	Soot	V-A
Chalk	P	Jello	M	Soy Sauce	M
Coffee	M	Kool-Aid	M	Tar	A
Cola	M	Lemonade	M	Tea	M
Cooking Oil	A - B	Lipstick	Q-A	Urine	D-M
Cough Syrup	D	Makeup	A-B	Vomit	B-M
Crayon	A - B	Mayonnaise	B	Water colors	M
Dirt or Clay	P - B	Mercurochrome	M	Wine-White	B
Dyes	M	Mentholated	M	Wine-red	B-M
Egg	D	Milk	B	Unknown	A-B
Excrement	B	Mixed Drinks	M		

Specific Stain Guide Procedures

Procedure A - Apply dry cleaning fluid, use dry towel. Blot - don't rub. Repeat dry cleaning fluid application as above. Blot. Finish with weighted pad of towels.

Procedure B - Scrape or blot up excess spill. Apply detergent (1/4 teaspoon dawn to one cup of warm water) Blot - don't rub. Apply water with damp towel. Blot - finish with weighted pad of towels.

Procedure D - Scrape or blot up excess spill. Apply Detergent (1/4 teaspoon dawn to one cup of warm water) Blot - Don't rub. Apply ammonia (Undiluted, unscented, clear (not sudsy) household ammonia.) use damp towel. Blot. Apply water - with damp towel. Blot - finish with weighted pad of towels. Apply white vinegar (undiluted), only after stain is removed.

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

Procedure L - Apply nail polish remover (non-oily non-acetone) - use cotton towel to apply to the spill. Don't wet through to carpet backing. Just use on the top fibers Carefully! use clean white paper towel and push toward center of the spot to avoid spreading material. Repeat above - soften and carefully remove a layer of the material each time. Haste may spread the stain and/or damage the carpet.

Procedure M - Apply detergent solution (1/4 teaspoon dawn dishwashing detergent with one cup warm water) use damp towel, leave 3-5 minutes. Blot - don't rub. If stain is removed, finish with a water rinse, blot, followed with a pad of weighted paper towels. If stain is not removed, continue as follows. Apply hydrogen peroxide solution (mix 1/2 cup (3% solution) with 1 teaspoon household ammonia. Use within 2 hours of mixing.) Let stand 2 to 3 hours under a weighted sheet of plastic wrap. Repeat application of hydrogen peroxide and dry under weighted plastic wrap until removal is complete. Apply water with damp towel. Blot - finish with weighted pad of paper towels. Apply white vinegar (undiluted), only after stain is removed.

Procedure O - Scrape off excess material. Cover with white cotton towel, or brown paper. Apply warm iron until material is absorbed. Be sure towel is large enough to cover the stained area. Take care never to touch the iron to the carpet as the fiber may melt. Change towel or rotate to clean area and repeat until all material is absorbed.

Procedure P - Vacuum away as much as possible. Loosen remaining material by tapping with a scrub brush or toothbrush. Tap with brush, do not scrub. Vacuum again. Follow with Procedure B.

Procedure Q - Scrape off excess material. Lightly rub area with a fresh slice of white bread. Complete removal with Procedure A.

Procedure R - Apply lemon juice to spot and allow to remain for 5 min.

Procedure V - Vacuum thoroughly

**PROCEDURE 911 - If these steps do not remove your stain call
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