



HOW TO DEAL WITH SOME COMMON CARPET STAINS

Stain	Carpet Shampoo Solution	Dry-Cleaning Fluid	Clean Warm Water	Other Methods
Beverages (tea, coffee, soft drinks)			1	2) mild detergent – bleach free**
Bleach	1			
Blood				1) cold water 2) mild detergent – bleach free**
Butter	2	1		
Candle wax		2		1) absorbent paper and hot iron
Chewing gum				1) chewing gum remover (freeze or solvent type)
Chocolate	2		1	
Cooking oils	2	1		
Cream	1	2		
Egg	1			
Fruit juice			1	2) mild detergent – bleach free**
Furniture polish	2	1		3) call professionals
Gravy and sauces	2		1	
Ink (fountain pen)			1	2) mild detergent – bleach free**
Ink (ball point pen)	2			1) methylated spirits
Lipstick	2	1		
Milk	2		1	
Custard	1			
Nail polish		2		1) nail polish remover
Oil and grease	2	1		
Paint (emulsion)	1 (hot)			2) hot water
Paint (oil)	3	2		1) turpentine or white spirit 4) call professionals
Rust	2	1		3) rust remover 4) call professionals
Salad dressing	1	2		
Shoe Polish	2	1		Or 1) white spirit
Soot	2			1) vacuum
Tar		1		
Urine (fresh stain)	2		1	
Urine (old stain)				1) call professionals
Vomit			1	2) mild detergent – bleach free**
Wine			1	2) mild detergent – bleach free**

Key
 1 - 1st step
 2 - 2nd step
 3 - 3rd step
 4 - 4th step

**1 teaspoonful of powder in ½ pint of warm water