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Do-It-Yourself Spot Cleaning

We believe an educated consumer benefits everyone. There are many spots and spills you can take care of without having to call Mighty Mac. This saves you money. If you cannot get them out we will know what you used and that you will not have made things worse!

Much of the following is from Wools of New Zealand, which is the world's authority on wool carpets. (www.woolsnz.com/care) While these guidelines are designed for wool, they will work well with synthetics and most upholstered fabrics.

Guidelines:



- Treating spots and stains immediately is important. The longer you wait the harder they are to remove.
- Always PRETEST the spot removal solutions in an unseen area, such as under a piece of furniture or the backside of a sofa cushion. If the colors transfer or bleed, call us!
- Always scrape off or blot up as much of the soil as possible.
- Place your spotter on a clean white towel or napkin and not on the spot. Always blot up spills, do not rub or brush!
- Work from the outer edge of the spot toward the center.
- Be Patient!
- Some spots may not respond to anything and need professional treatment.
- **DO NOT USE** Resolve[®], Oxy-Clean[®] or other 'color safe' bleaching agents on any upholstered fabrics or carpets unless you are certain your fibers are 100% Olefin or PET / PTT polyester. (see carpet styles & fibers bulletin)

Cleaning Guide:

STAIN	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
Alcoholic Beverages	1	2	
Bleach	1	13	
Blood	1	2	
Butter	4	2	
Candle Wax	10	4	
Chewing Gum	5	4	
Chocolate	4	2	
Coffee	1	2	6
Colas & soft drinks	1	2	
Cooking Oil	4	2	
Egg	2	13	
Feces	2	3	13
Floor Wax	4	2	
Fruit Juice	1	2	
Furniture Polish	4	2	
Gravy & Sauces	7	2	
Ink - Ballpoint	9	2	
Ink - Felt tip	4	2	
Lipstick	4	2	
Milk	2	4	
Mustard	2	13	
Nail Polish	8	4	
Oil & Grease	4	2	
Paint - Oil based	12	4	
Paint - acrylic	1	2	
Rust	6	13	
Salad Dressing	2	4	
Shoe Polish	4	2	
Soot	11	4	
Tar	12	4	
Tea	1	2	6
Tomato Sauce	7	2	
Urine - fresh	1	2	3
Urine - old stain	13		
Vomit	2	3	6
Wine	1	2	6
Unknown	4	2	

Professional Cleaning:

Professional cleaning every one to two years will do wonders to revitalize your carpet and keep it hygienically clean. Many new carpet warranties require periodic cleaning (see your warranty for details).

Type of Treatment:

- 1) Cold water.
- 2) One teaspoon mild detergent (Woolite, Ivory) and one quart warm water.
- 3) Clear household disinfectant.
- 4) Solvents such as acetone, fingernail polish remover, denatured alcohol. Use only on dry carpet.
- 5) Chill with ice cubes in a plastic bag. Pick or scrape off gum.
- 6) Mix 1/3 cup of white vinegar with 2/3 cup of water.
- 7) Warm water.
- 8) Nail polish remover (should not contain lanolin.)
- 9) Surgical alcohol.
- 10) Place absorbent paper, like paper towels, over wax and apply a warm iron to paper. Wax will melt and be absorbed by the paper towels. NOTE: Be VERY careful! Hot irons can melt synthetic carpets! For added safety, place a damp towel between the iron and paper towels. Check the progress frequently!
- 11) Vacuum clean.
- 12) Mineral turpentine. Remove turpentine residue with #4
- 13) Seek assistance from Mighty Mac.