

# Carpet & Upholstery SPOTTING CHART

STAIN	PROCEDURE
Alcoholic Beverage.....	A
Asphalt.....	B
Beer.....	A
Betadine.....	P
Berries.....	A
Blood(wet).....	COLD, A
Blood(dry).....	COLD, A-2
Butter.....	A
Chewing Gum.....	C, then B
Chocolate.....	A-2
Coffee, Tea.....	A-1**
Cosmetics.....	A, B
Crayon.....	B*
De-icer.....	Vacuum, A
Drinks, Colored.....	A*, P
Drinks, Hot(non - caffeine etc).....	A**
Drinks(Cola , etc.).....	A
Excrement.....	A
Food dyes.....	A*, P
Furniture Polish.....	A, B
Grease, Auto.....	B
Grease, Food.....	A
Ink, Ballpoint.....	B, P
Ink, Permanent.....	P
Ink, Washable.....	A
Lipstick.....	B
Milk.....	A
Mustard.....	A, P
Nail Polish.....	Polish Remover using method B
Paint - Latex (wet).....	A
Paint - Latex(dry).....	B
Paint - Oil.....	B, P
Rust.....	P
Tomato ingredients.....	A
Toner, Copier,wet.....	P
Toner, Copier, Dry.....	Vacuum, A
Urine.....	A -1
Vomit.....	A, A -1
Wax.....	P
Wine.....	Club soda, 7 up etc.

**PROCEDURE A:**  
2 cups HOT water with 1 tsp. laundry detergent (using a squirt bottle works best). Squirt & blot multiple times. (Tide & Bold are too strong for Stain Resistant carpet - use Sunlight or Cheer if possible and **AVOID all oxy/oxygen detergents**). Follow steps below.

**PROCEDURE A-1:** Same as above except a solution of 25% vinegar and 75% hot water.

**PROCEDURE A-2:** Same as above except 2 Tbs. household ammonia to 1 cup hot water.

**PROCEDURE B:** Paint thinner applied with Q-tip (or towel if necessary). Will damage carpet construction if over applied. Provide adequate ventilation! A professional spotting agent we have available, would be a better choice of product.

**PROCEDURE C:** Freeze using ice cubes then chip away after thoroughly frozen.

**P** - Professional service required!!

**(\*)** - Colors such as those found in soft drinks, Koolaid, candle wax etc. can redye carpet and may not be removable.

**METHODS TO REMOVE SPOTS**

- 1.** Remove as much solids as you can using spatula etc.
- 2.** Absorb wet spills quickly with paper towels and absorb as much moisture as possible.
- 3.** Always blot the carpet - NEVER scrub or rub, this causes carpet to fuzz & results in permanent damage!!
- 4.** Remove spots as they happen while you remember what they still are. Fresh spots and stains are easier to remove than old ones.
- 5.** Unless otherwise specified, ALWAYS RINSE OUT SPOTTING AGENTS WITH HOT WATER AFTER SPOT REMOVAL!!!
- 6.** Final step is ALWAYS to put a stack of paper towels with a weighted object (eg. heavy books) on spot UNTIL DRY! This is particularly useful for coffee, tea, and urine.
- 7.** Good luck. If you're too nervous to do what needs to be done, don't panic, just call us and we'll spot it for you!