



How to Remove Stains from Washables

ALCOHOL BEVERAGES

Pre-soak or sponge stains immediately with cold water, then with cold water and glycerine (available at drugstore). Rinse with vinegar for a few seconds if stains remains. These stains may turn Brown with age. If wine stain remains, rub with concentrated detergent; wait 15 minutes ;rinse. Repeat if necessary. Wash with detergent in hottest water safe for fabric.

BLOOD

Pre-soak in cold water at least 30 minutes. If stain remains, soak in lukewarm ammonia water(3 TBSP. ammonia per gallon water). Rinse. If stain remains, work in detergent, and wash, using bleach safe for fabrics.

CANDLE WAX

Use a dull knife to scrape off as much as possible. Place fabric between two blotters of facial tissues and press with a warm iron. Remove color stain with non-flammable dry cleaning solvent. Wash with detergent in the hottest water safe for fabric.

CHEWING GUM

Rub area with ice, then scrape off with a dull blade. Sponge with dry cleaning solvent; allow to air dry. Wash in detergent with hottest water safe for fabric.

CHOCOLATE AND COCOA

Pre-soak stain in cold or warm water. Wash in hot water with detergent. Remove any grease stains with dry cleaning solvent. If color remains, sponge with hydrogen peroxide, wash again.

COFFEE

Sponge or soak with cold water as soon as possible. Wash, using detergent and bleach safe for fabric. Remove cream grease stains with non-flammable dry cleaning solvent. Wash again.

CRAYON

Scrape with dull blade. Wash in hottest water safe for fabric, with detergent and 1-2 cups of baking soda. **NOTE:** If a full load is crayon stained, take to cleaners or coin-op dry cleaning machines.

DEODORANTS

Sponge area with white vinegar. If stain remains, soak with denatured alcohol. Wash in detergent with hottest water safe for fabric.

DYE

If dye transfers from a non-colorfast item during washing, immediately bleach discolored items. Repeat as necessary BEFORE drying. On whites use color remover. **CAUTION: Do not use color remover in washer or around washer and dryer as it may damage the finish.**

EGG

Scrape with dull blade. Pre-soak in cold or warm water for at least 30 minutes. Remove grease with dry cleaning solvent. Wash in detergent with hottest water safe for fabric.

FRUIT AND FRUIT JUICES

Sponge with cold water. Pre-soak in cold or warm water for at least 30 minutes. Wash in detergent with hottest water safe for fabric.

GRASS

Pre-soak in cold water for at least 30 minutes. Rinse. Pre-treat with detergent. Wash. Using detergent, hot water, and bleach safe for fabric. On acetate and colored fabrics, use 1 part of alcohol to 2 parts water.

GREASE, OIL, TAR

Method 1: Use powder or chalk absorbents to remove as much grease as possible. Pre-treat with detergent or non-flammable dry cleaning solvent, or liquid shampoo. Wash in hottest water safe for fabric, using plenty of detergent.

Method 2: Rub spot with lard and sponge with non-flammable dry cleaning solvent. Wash in hottest water safe for fabric, using plenty of detergent.

BALL POINT PEN

Pour denatured alcohol through stain. Rub in petroleum jelly. Sponge with non-flammable dry cleaning solvent. Soak in detergent solution. Wash with detergent and bleach safe for fabric.

LIPSTICK

Loosen stain with a non-flammable dry cleaning solvent. Rub detergent in until stain outline is gone. Wash in hottest water and detergent safe for fabric.

MILDEW

Pre-treat as soon as possible with detergent. Wash. If stain remains, sponge with lemon juice and salt. Dry in sun. Wash in hottest water, detergent and bleach safe for fabric.

NOTE: Mildew is very hard to remove; treat promptly.

MILK, CREAM, ICE CREAM

Pre-soak in cold water at least 30 minutes. Wash. Sponge any grease spots with non-flammable dry cleaning solvent.

NAIL POLISH

Sponge with polish remover or banana oil. Wash. If stains remain, sponge with denatured alcohol to which a few drops of ammonia have been added. Wash again. **DO NOT USE POLISH REMOVER ON ACETATE FABRICS.**

PERSPIRATION

Sponge fresh stain with ammonia; old stain vinegar. Pre-soak in cold or warm water. Rinse. Wash in hottest water safe for fabric. If fabric is yellowed, use bleach. If stain remains, dampen and sprinkle with meat tenderizer or pepsin. Let stand 1 hour. Brush off and wash. For persistent odor, sponge with colorless mouthwash.

SOFT DRINKS

Sponge immediately with cold water and alcohol. Heat and detergent may set stain.

TEA

Sponge or soak with cold water as soon as possible. Wash using detergent and bleach safe for fabric.