COMMON STAINS CHART

MOST COMMON WATER-BASED STAINS

Alcohol Graphite
Baby formula Ice cream
Beer Jelly
Blood Ketchup
Candy Latex paint
Chocolate milk Liquor
Clay Milk
Cola Soft drinks

Cologne Soil spots
Cranberry juice Syrup

Felt-tip marker Tomato juice
Food stains (general) Vomit

Fruit juice Water colors
Fruit punch Watermelon
Furniture polish (water-based) Whiskey

For these stains, start with PROCEDURE A. If stain remains, complete PROCEDURES B and C.

Wine

SPECIAL WATER-BASED STAINS

Coffee For these stains, start with PROCEDURE
Tea A. If stain remains, complete PROCEDURE
Urine C. Omit PROCEDURE B.

GREASY, OIL-BASED STAINS

Butter Margarine
Chocolate Mascara
Cooking oil Mayonnaise
Cosmetics Nail polish
Crayon Oil
Furniture dye Oil paint
Furniture polish (oil-based) Ointment
Glue* Peanut butter

Grease (black)

Gum*

Spaghetti

Hand cream

Ink

Wax*

Lipsticl

For these stains, use GooGone. Follow directions on packet, then complete PROCEDURES A, B and C.

PROCEDURE A

Grape Juice

(For water-based, special waterbased and greasy, oil-based stains)

- Mix a solution of ¼ teaspoon of clear hand dishwashing detergent with 1 cup of water. Stir gently.
- Apply detergent solution directly to a white cloth. Dampen the carpet fibers in the stained area with the cloth. Avoid saturating the carpet.
- Wipe gently. Turn cloth frequently.
- Never rub, scrub or use a brush. This may damage carpet fibers. If necessary, use your fingertips to work the solution to the base of the stain. Do not over-saturate carpet; use small amounts of solution and blot frequently.
- Wet the stained carpet fibers with clear, lukewarm water to rinse.
- Cover the spot with an absorbent white towel or paper towel and apply pressure to blot.
- Repeat the rinsing and blotting procedures until you are sure all traces of the detergent have been removed.
- If the stain is gone, place an absorbent white towel or paper towel over the area cleaned, and weigh towels down with a heavy colorfast object, such as a weighted plastic wastebasket.

- Change towels or paper towels until carpet dries.
- If stain remains, perform Procedure B (for coffee, tea or urine, skip Procedure B and perform Procedure C).

PROCEDURE B

(Do NOT use on coffee, tea or urine stains)

- Mix 2 tablespoons of non-bleaching, non-sudsing household ammonia with 1 cup of lukewarm water.
- Apply ammonia solution, rinse and blot as outlined in Procedure A.
- Do not dry with paper towels. Follow Procedure C to neutralize the ammonia solution.

PROCEDURE C

- Mix ½ cup of white vinegar with 1 cup of lukewarm water
- Apply vinegar solution, rinse and blot as outlined in Procedure A.