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Stain Removal Guide

In the the words of that eternal optimist, Murphy: ***"Anything that can go wrong will go wrong."*** If Murphy had owned carpet in his house he might have been tempted to opine: ***"Anything that shouldn't be spilled on the carpet will get spill on the carpet."***

We all come to realize this simple truth in our own way. Maybe it is when our 3 year old decided to express their inner Picasso on the bedroom carpet. Or the first time we came into the living room and learned that the dog's stomach doesn't process grass as well as it should.

So for times like these, we at Bowen's Carpet Dry have compiled a list of ways you can learn to treat the more common carpet stains yourself.

The Basics

To remove a stain, simply blot the spot and dry working from the outside in, rinse thoroughly with clean water, then blot again. Never scrub the carpet, or you risk ruining the carpet fibers or letting the spill soak through to the carpet pad. For more specific advice, find your type of stain below.

Water-Soluble Stains

Alcoholic Beverages - Berries - Colas - Excrement - Food Dyes - Gravy - Ice Cream - Jelly - Milk - Mud - Washable Ink - Wet or Latex Paint.

Use a simple cleaning solution made up of 1/4 teaspoon of non-bleach detergent (or white vinegar) mixed with 32 ounces of water.

Special Water-Soluble Stains

Blood - Chocolate - Coffee - Mustard - Tea - Vomit - Wine

Try 1 tablespoon of ammonia mixed with 1 cup of water (but not on wool or wool-blend carpet; instead use mild detergent and water).

Fat, Oil, Wax

Place a paper towel over the carpet and iron on warm setting. The wax, fat, or oil should come up off the carpet and stick to the paper towel. Be careful not to melt the carpet.

Cigarette Burns

These can be removed by gently rubbing the pile with the edge of a hard and flat surface, such as a dull knife.

Glue

Moisten a cotton ball or soft cloth with rubbing alcohol and press it on the affected area. Once the glue residue is thoroughly moistened, gently wipe it off and repeat until the carpet is clean.

Wax and Gum

Use ice to freeze the wax or gum, then shatter it with a blunt object, such as a spoon. Vacuum before the pieces soften, and blot the carpet with a white towel.

Nail Polish

Blot the area with a rag dipped in nail polish remover.

Urine

Absorb as much as possible with white towels, then blot with a damp, cool cloth. Next, spray or blot with a solution of one part white vinegar to one part water. Finally, apply a solution of 1/2 teaspoon of clear, mild, non-bleach detergent mixed with 32 ounces of water, rinse, and blot dry.

Final Note

If you stains persist or if you would rather not deal with it yourself, then don't hesitate to contact us at:

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