

# CARPET CARE SPOTTING GUIDE

Easy to use home remedies for removal of the most common spot problems.

*First Class Carpet Service*

This information is given for those who want to try to remove spots on their own. If you are not comfortable with any of the procedures listed, you may contact us at (206) 284-5516, or (253) 520-6788, or (425) 226-8610. We will be happy to come out and attempt to remove them for you. To avoid damaging your carpet, follow the instructions below exactly. Do not use these procedures on upholstered furniture as spot cleaning can easily damage certain delicate fabrics.

**Remember that with any spot or spill that occurs, TIME is of the essence. Immediate action and removal will yield the best results.**

## SPOT REMOVAL STEPS

1. Use a spoon or a dull knife to remove all solid materials.
2. Blot up liquids with a *clean*, white dry towel. Never rub, scrub or brush the carpet as this can cause excessive wear and permanently damage the carpet fibers.
3. Work from the outside to the center with larger spills.
4. Apply all cleaning agents to a white towel. Never apply directly to the carpet, as this can damage the backing if too much is used.
5. Use the steps and solutions in the cleaning code in the order given until you no longer see improvement, then proceed to the next step if the spot remains.
6. Always use white distilled vinegar as the last step before rinsing if you have used ammonia during the process, even if the spot is already gone. Vinegar (lowpH) neutralizes ammonia (high pH) and is a safe product to leave behind. It is not necessary to neutralize vinegar.
7. Rinse the last cleaning solution you've used by spraying with clean water and blotting one area with a *clean*, dry, white towel. You may use a wet/dry vacuum to extract out excess moisture prior to the towel if you have one but this is not necessary.

8. Once you have removed all visible stain, place a dry towel over the area. Then place a heavy colorfast object, such as a waste basket with a weight inside, on the towel. Leave overnight. Continue this procedure by replacing the wet towels with dry ones until the area is nearly dry. Remove the weight and towel, then gently brush the carpet fibers with your hand to lift the tufts. Allow the area to completely dry before walking on it.

## CLEANING CODES

**A= Ammonia solution. Mix 1 Tbs of non-bleaching, non-sudsing ammonia in 1 cup of lukewarm water.**

**V= Vinegar solution. Mix equal parts of white distilled vinegar and lukewarm water.**

**MSR= Master spot remover. All Purpose Carpet Spotter or mix 1 tsp of white dish detergent and 1 cup of warm water.**

**VAC= Dry vacuum**

**DCF\*= Dry cleaning solution such as Goof-Off. [Extreme Caution - see step #4]**

**NPR= Non-acetone, non-greasy nail polish remover. [Extreme Caution - see step #4]**

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**Always wear rubber gloves and work in a well ventilated area.**

## TYPES OF SPOTS

Alcoholic beverage - MSR, V  
Bleach - V, FCCS  
Blood (dried)-A, MSR, V  
Blood (wet) \* - MSR, V  
Carbon, Graphite, Toner - VAC, MSR  
Chewing Gum - DCF, MSR  
Chocolate - A, MSR, V  
Coffee - V, MSR  
Cosmetics - DCF, V  
Crayon - DCF, MSR, V  
Excrement - MSR, V  
Furniture polish - DCF, MSR, A, V  
Grass - A, MSR, V, FCCS  
Glue(white) - MSR, FCCS  
Grease (food or other) - DCF, MSR  
Ice cream - MSR, V  
Ink - DCF, MSR, FCCS  
Juice\* - A, MSR, V  
Medicine - A, MSR, V  
Mud - VAC, A, MSR, V  
Mustard - A, MSR, FCCS  
Nail Polish - NPR, V, FCCS  
Paint(latex, wet) - MSR, FCCS  
Paint(latex, dry) - DCF, FCCS  
Paint(oil, wet or dry) - DCF  
Rust - MSR, FCCS  
Shoe polish - DCF, MSR, V  
Soft drinks - A, MSR, V  
Tea - V, MSR  
Urine - V, MSR, FCCS  
Vomit - V, A, MSR  
Wax - Heat with a hair dryer until it glistens, blot with a dry towel. Repeat until gone.  
Wine \* - A, MSR, V  
\* - Flush with cool water first