



Stain Removal Guide for Nylon Carpets

Origin of stain	Removal Step 1	Removal Step 2	Removal Step 3	Removal Step 4	Removal Step 5
Asphalt/tar	Dry-cleaning solvent	Detergent	Water	-	-
Beverages (tea, coffee, soft & mixed drinks, beer)	Detergent	Vinegar*	Detergent	Water	-
Blood	Detergent	Ammonia-	Detergent	Cold Water	-
Butter	Dry-cleaning solvent	Detergent	Water	-	-
Candy/sweets	Detergent	Vinegar*	Detergent	Water	-
Chewing Gum	Freeze w/ice cube, shatter w/blunt object	Dry-cleaning solvent for 3-5min	Repeat prior steps as necessary	-	-
Chocolate	Detergent	Ammonia	Detergent	Water	-
Cooking oil	Dry-cleaning solvent	Detergent	Water	-	-
Cough syrup	Detergent	Ammonia	Vinegar*	Detergent	Water
Dirt/mud	Detergent	Ammonia	Detergent	Water	-
Dye (blue, green, red, black)	Detergent for 3 min to 5 min	Hydrogen peroxide (20-30 min repeat until removed)	Vinegar*	Consult specialist	-
Egg	Detergent	Ammonia+	Detergent	Water	-
Excrement	Detergent	Ammonia+	Detergent	Water	-
Fruit juices/berries	Detergent	Vinegar*	Detergent	Water	-
Furniture, polish	Dry-cleaning solvent	Detergent	Water	-	-
Glue (hobby)	Dry-cleaning solvent	Detergent	Water	-	-
Glue (white)	Detergent	Ammonia+	Detergent	Water	-
Gravy	Dry-cleaning solvent	Detergent	Water	-	-
Ink (Ballpoint, felt pen)	Dry-cleaning solvent	Detergent	Water	-	-
Ink (fountain pen)	Detergent	Vinegar*	Ammonia+	Water	-
Ink (permanent)	Dry-cleaning solvent	Detergent	Water	-	-
Lipstick	Dry-cleaning solvent	Detergent	Water	-	-
Make-up (mascara, foundation)	Dry-cleaning solvent	Detergent	Water	-	-
Mayonnaise	Detergent	Ammonia*	Detergent	Water	-
Mercurochrome	Detergent	Ammonia*	Vinegar*	Detergent-	Water
Milk or ice cream	Detergent	Ammonia*	Detergent	Water	-
Nail Polish	Nail polish remover	-	-	-	-
Oil & grease	Dry-cleaning solvent	Detergent	Water	-	-
Paint (Latex)	Detergent	Ammonia+	Vinegar*	Water	-
Rust	Detergent	Vinegar*	Detergent	Water	-
Sauce	Detergent	Ammonia+	Detergent	Water	-
Shoe polish	Dry-cleaning solution	Detergent	Water	-	-
Starch	Detergent	Ammonia+	Detergent	Water	-
Toothpaste	Detergent	Ammonia+	Detergent	Water	-
Typewriter ribbon ink	Dry-cleaning solvent	Detergent	Water	-	-
Urine (fresh)	Water	Ammonia+	Detergent	Water	-
Urine (dry)	Detergent	Vinegar*	Ammonia+	Detergent	Water
Varnish/Lacquer	Dry-cleaning solvent	Detergent	Water	-	-
Vomit	Baking soda, scrape & vacuum clean	Detergent	Ammonia+	Detergent	Water
Wax (candle)	Cover with brown paper	Dry-cleaning solvent	-	-	-
Wine - red	Detergent	Hydrogen peroxide	Vinegar*	Detergent+	Water
Wine - white	Detergent	Vinegar*	Detergent	Water	-

* Vinegar —undiluted white vinegar.

Nail polish remover —should not include lanolin or be of a greasy nature.

It should be noted that commercial cleaning firms have additional chemicals for use.

There are also a number of commercially available stain removal products. Liquid and powder, which may be used to remove many of the listed staining materials. Follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.

+ Ammonia —undiluted household ammonia, foaming type containing detergent

Hydrogen peroxide —4 parts hydrogen 3% strength (10 vol.), 1 part household ammonia (foaming type). Use within 2 hrs after mixing.

Detergent —1 teaspoon clear dishwashing detergent with 1 cup warm water.