

TABLE 2

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, mixed drinks, beer)	Detergent	Vinegar*	Detergent	Water	Water
Red Cordial/Soft Drink	Consult Specialist	-	Vinegar*	-	-
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 3-5 min	Repeat prior steps as necessary		
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)			
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	-	-
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	-

* 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 remover 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 hours after mixing. Detergent - 1 teaspoon clear dishwashing detergent with 1 cup warm water.