

# Rug Cleaning Guide

A Solution for Every Kind of Spill

## GENERAL CARE TIPS

**VACUUMING:** Rugs should be vacuumed on a regular basis to remove and lessen the build-up of abrasive dirt. Take care to not catch fringes in vacuums.

**TIPS FOR SPOT CLEANING:** Test all spotting products in an inconspicuous area before use. Look for fading, staining, bleeding or other changes to textiles. If changes happen or you are unsure how to proceed, consult a professional.

Always remove as much of a spill as possible before adding spotting products. For liquids blot with a towel for solids use a dull knife to scrape from the surface.

**BLOT, NEVER SCRUB A SPOT:** Work from the outer edges of a spot to the center. Spot with small amounts of cleaning products.



**To treat and repair crushed carpet fibers & furniture dents in your area rugs, all you need are a few ice cubes!**

The size of the dent will determine how many cubes you need. Place cubes right on top of the divot about 2 inches apart. Let the carpet soak up the melted water. Once the carpet completely dries you can vacuum the area and the dents will have disappeared. If there are still pieces of carpet that have not popped back up you can use your fingers or a table fork to gently fluff those pieces. Works every time!



**ROTATING:** To even out soiling and wear, rotate rugs every 6 months to a year when possible.

**PADDING:** Appropriate padding extends the life of a rug and prevents a rug from slipping or buckling.

**RESTORATION:** Prompt attention to frayed and damaged areas can protect the value and beauty of your rug for generations.

**WASHING:** Professional hand washing every 2-4 years is recommended. A desirable attribute of densely patterned rugs is their ability to hide soiling and often look cleaner than they really are.

**STORAGE:** Area rugs should never be stored dirty. Soils can oxidize making them difficult or impossible to remove. All rugs should be stored in paper or other breathable material, never plastic.

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## Match The Solution to the Spill

### Cleaning Solutions

**A: MILD DETERGENT SOLUTION:**

2-4 drops to a cup of cold water.

We recommend: Soil Away, Bioclean all-purpose, Planet detergent, or Folex.

**B: VINEGAR SOLUTION:**

1-2 tablespoons to a cup of cold water.

**C: AMMONIA SOLUTION:**

1 teaspoon to a cup of cold water.

**D: DRY CLEANING SOLVENT:**

Energene or rubbing alcohol available at most grocery stores. Use straight out of the bottle, apply to towel and blot spots.

**E: RINSE WITH WATER, BLOT DRY:**

Some spots are best handled by professionals, such as pet urine stains, ink or dry wine.



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### The Solution Chart

ADHESIVES	-----	D, A, E
BEER	-----	A, B, E
BERRIES	-----	C, E
BLOOD	-----	C, E
BUTTER	-----	D, A, E
CANDLE WAX	-----	Scrape off excess, cover area w/ paper & iron on the lowest setting
KETCHUP	-----	A, C, E
CHOCOLATE	-----	D, A, E
COFFEE	-----	A, E
CRAYON	-----	D, A, E
EGG	-----	A, E
EXCREMENT	-----	A, E, B
NAIL POLISH	-----	D
FRUIT, JAM	-----	A, E
GREASE	-----	D, A, E
GUM (Scrape off)	-----	D, A, E
ICE CREAM	-----	A, E, D
INK	-----	D, A, E
MILK	-----	A, B, E
MUD	-----	A
PAINT	-----	D, A, E
SOFT DRINKS	-----	A, E
SOOT	-----	A, E, D
TEA	-----	A, E
URINE	-----	A, B, E
VOMIT	-----	A, B, E
WHITE WINE	-----	A, E
RED WINE	-----	E, A, E