

## CARE & CLEANING FOR YOUR AREA RUG

Stain	Cleaning Method
Acids . . . . .	Detergent or white vinegar
Alcoholic beverages . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid
Ammonia or Alkali . . . . .	Detergent or white vinegar
Ball-point pen ink . . . . .	Methylated spirits or turpentine
Beer . . . . .	Detergent or white vinegar
Bleach . . . . .	Detergent or white vinegar
Blood . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or starch paste
Burning cigarette . . . . .	Brush off with a hard edge
Butter . . . . .	Cleaning fluid
Candy . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or scrape & vacuum
Cellulose paint . . . . .	Acetone
Chewing gum . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid
Chocolate . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid
Coffee . . . . .	Glycerine
Cosmetics . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid
Crayon . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid or scrape and vacuum
Egg . . . . .	Detergent or white vinegar
Excrement (human) . . . . .	Detergent or white vinegar (remove at once-chemicals in excrement attack dyestuffs)
Excrement (pet) . . . . .	Call a reputable cleaner
Fat and Oil . . . . .	Tissue and iron, then cleaning fluid (Do not use iron after solvent)
Fruit and juices . . . . .	Detergent or white vinegar
Furniture polish . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid*
Glue . . . . .	Alcohol
Grass . . . . .	Methylated spirits
Gravy . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid
Grease . . . . .	Cleaning fluid or scrape & vacuum
Household cement . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid*
Ice cream . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid*
Ink . . . . .	Water only
Iodine . . . . .	Alcohol
Jam . . . . .	Lukewarm water
Lipstick . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid*
Medicine . . . . .	Call a reputable cleaner
Metal polish . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid*

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Mildew . . . . .	Call a reputable cleaner
Milk . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid*
Mud . . . . .	Detergent or white vinegar
Mustard . . . . .	Detergent or white vinegar
Nail polish . . . . .	Polish Remover*
Oils . . . . .	Cleaning fluid
Paint . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid*
Perfume . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid*
Permanent ink . . . . .	Call a reputable cleaner
Rust . . . . .	Call a reputable cleaner
Salad dressing . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid*
Sauces . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid*
Shoe polish . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid or scrape and vacuum
Soot . . . . .	Vacuum, then cleaning fluid
Tar . . . . .	Cleaning fluid
Tea . . . . .	Detergent or white vinegar
Urine (human) . . . . .	Detergent or white vinegar (remove at once-chemicals in urine attack dyestuffs)
Urine (pet) . . . . .	Call a reputable cleaner
Vomit . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid
Wax . . . . .	Cleaning fluid or scrape & vacuum
Wine . . . . .	Detergent, white vinegar or cleaning fluid

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Note: Almost all spills are removed by either dry cleaning fluid (follow manufacturer's instructions) or a simple solution of one teaspoon of mild detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar in a quart of warm water.

\*If recommended procedure is not effective call a reputable cleaner. Some stains are so complex that they should be treated by someone with a knowledge of textile chemistry. Don't wait for annual cleaning. It may be too late to remove the stain.

*Nourison Home does not guarantee that these methods work and should be used as a guideline only! If in doubt, call a reputable cleaner.*

**NEW ZEALAND WOOL**

**WOOL**

**RAYON**

**COTTON**

**NYLON**

**FAUX SILK**

**ACRYLIC**

**POLYACRYLIC**

**MODACRYLIC**

**POLYESTER**

**POLYPROPYLENE**

**SHAG**

**Cleaning Recommendations**

- Always use a professional cleaning service. Consumer self-cleaning methods are discouraged.
- Clean spills immediately by blotting with a clean sponge or cloth.
- Vacuum regularly.
- Avoid use of beater-bar type vacuum as they may cause yarns to pull or snag. If snagging does occur, avoid pulling yarn knots out of surface pile.

**Care and Maintenance**

- Rug pads are recommended for use with all rugs to help extend the rug's life and protect the surface underneath.
- Pile shedding is a normal characteristic of quality area rugs, particularly with wool and other natural fibers.

**HAIR ON HIDE**

**LEATHER**

**COWHIDE**

**SUEDE LEATHER**

**Cleaning Recommendations**

- Always use a professional cleaning service. Consumer self-cleaning methods are discouraged.
- Vacuum regularly on the lowest setting. Vacuums with beater bars are not recommended.
- Clean spills immediately by wiping smoothly in the direction of the hair with a slightly damp cloth, using mild soap and water.

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- Natural skin rugs are not recommended for areas with heavy foot traffic.

**JUTE**

**SISAL**

**Cleaning Recommendations**

- Clean spills immediately with a dab of water and a soft bristle rug. Scrape solid spills with a dull knife, then brush with a stiff bristle brush. Blot liquid spills – do not rub.
- Do not steam clean or wet shampoo your jute rug. Plant fibers are highly absorbent, so they are subject to some shrinking and puckering when exposed to liquids or excessive dampness. Dry wet spills immediately with fan or hair dryer.
- Vacuum regularly on both sides of the rug.
- Always use a professional cleaning service. Consumer self-cleaning methods are discouraged.

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**VISCOSE**

**LUXCELLE™**

**BAMBOO-EXTRUDED  
SILK-LIKE FIBERS**

**Cleaning Recommendations**

- Vacuum regularly. Vacuums with beater bars are not recommended.
- Avoid pulling yarn knots out of surface pile.
- Always use a professional cleaning service. Consumer self-cleaning methods are discouraged. Carpet can easily stain and yellow with improper cleaning chemicals.
- For spills, blot the affected area with white paper towels or a clean white terry cloth towel. Moisture will weaken the fiber, and rubbing could then cause breaking or damage.
- After blotting stains, groom by combing the face of the rug in the direction of the pile with a soft brush. The pile may look flatter and more reflective afterward.
- Once the stained area is dry, re-brush the fiber to regain original texture.

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