

# How to Remove Carpet Stains

Homeownership has its share of thrills...and spills. When you've got a tough stain on your carpeting – try these tips to remove the spot.

## 1. CLEAN UP THE SPILL

- You'll have a better chance of getting the stain out completely if you act fast. Blot up a liquid spill thoroughly, before it soaks in. Scoop up solid spills, and vacuum the spot. If they're dried into the fibers, scrape up what you can with a spoon and vacuum it up.

## 2. APPLY YOUR CLEANER

- Apply your carpet cleaner and let it work in. Don't scrub it in or you could damage the carpet fibers and set the stain. Always follow manufacturer's recommended safety precautions and instructions. You may want to test your product in an inconspicuous area first to be sure no discoloration occurs.

## 3. BLOT IT UP

- Don't rub at the spot; press your cleaning cloth into the spot repeatedly to blot up. You can't really get at both sides of the stain so this helps to draw the stain out from the top. Only use white cloth or paper towels – never patterned or colored. As the stain transfers to the towel, shift to a clean spot. Keep it up until there's no more spot transferring to the cloth.

## 4. RINSE

- Once the stain is gone, you usually want to rinse the treated area because some solutions leave a residue that attracts dirt. Lay damp paper towels over the spot. Weigh them down and change them out a few times.

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