



### STAIN REMOVAL CHART

- Always remove a stain **before** laundering a garment or item because hot water and heat can "set" a stain, making it very difficult to remove.
- For stubborn stains, try a presoak or prewash spray.
- When using a chemical stain remover, always pretest it on a nonvisible part of the garment or item.
- For nonwashable fabrics, identify the stain for the dry cleaner.

A few of the stains that may be encountered by the average person are listed here.

BLOOD	Soak in cold water as soon as possible for 30 minutes or longer. Rub detergent to stain and launder. If yellow stain remains, soak with bleach and relaunder.
CHEWING GUM, CANDLE WAX	Harden gum or wax by placing them in freezer or rubbing with an ice cube. Scrape off as much as possible with a dull knife or fingernail. For wax, place stained area between paper towels and press with warm iron. If stain remains, sponge fabric with cleaning fluid. Launder.
CHOCOLATE	Scrape off chocolate. Soak in cool or lukewarm water. Apply detergent to area and launder. If any stain remains, bleach and relaunder.
COSMETICS	Rub detergent into area and launder. If stain is stubborn, sponge fabric with cleaning fluid.
GRASS, FOLIAGE	Rub detergent into area and launder, using hottest water as possible for fabric. If stain remains, bleach and relaunder.
GREASE, OIL	Scrape off as much as possible or blot with paper toweling. Rub detergent into area and launder. For grimy grease, place stain between paper toweling and press with warm iron. If necessary, sponge fabric with cleaning fluid and launder, using plenty of detergent.
INK, BALL- POINT PEN	Spray lightly with hair spray or sponge with rubbing alcohol. Leave on for a few minutes and blot off as much as possible. Repeat, if necessary. Rub in detergent and launder.
NAIL POLISH	Sponge with nail polish remover (do not use acetone on acetate fabric) or cleaning fluid. Launder.
PAINT, VARNISH	Treat immediately. For latex paint, saturate fabric with warm water and launder. For oil-base paint, saturate fabric with paint solvent, such as turpentine, and rinse with cool water. Launder.
PERSPIRATION	Soak in warm water with presoak product, or sponge with ammonia. For old stain, sponge with white vinegar and rinse. Rub detergent into stain and wash in the hottest water possible for fabric.
SOFT DRINKS	Sponge or soak in cool water, and launder.

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