

**COMPETENCY #4:** Identify various types of stains and analyze correct treatments.

**CONCEPTS:** By learning how to treat stains and heavy soils, we can lengthen the life of our clothing and there by stretch out clothing dollar.

#### **LECTURE/DISCUSSION**

Stains, heavily soiled areas, and spots that are caused by a number of food or other items, are special problems in managing your laundry. These must be properly treated to remove them without causing additional damage to your clothing.

##### Types of stains:

1. WATER BASED- these stains have a water base, and will usually dissolve in water.
2. OIL-BASED- stains have grease or wax as their base, and usually need treatment with a dry cleaning product for removal. Most of these are flammable and the instructions should be followed carefully.

The sooner the stain is treated the better the chances are for success in removing it. If a stain remains untreated, it may become permanently set in the fabric.

Never let an item with a stain go through the dryer without being treated. A warm dryer will permanently set the stain.

There are many laundry aids available to treat stains.

#### **ACTIVITY**

1. Divide the students in groups. Give each group a copy of a good stain removal chart. Several are provided as well as those found in Clothing Textbooks.

Pass out a copy of "Caring for Your Wardrobe". Each group can solve the stain problems by writing solutions for each stain, and report them to the class.

2. Invite students to bring in an item of clothing with a stain. As a class work through the process of analyzing and removing each stain.
3. Play "The Laundry Match-up Game" instruction and materials included