STAIN REMOVAL GUIDE

If you deal with clothing stains quickly, you have a good chance of getting them out. Follow the "Three P's" of Stain Removal:

PROMPTNESS

Treat stains as quickly as possible before laundering. Age and laundering before pre-treating can set some stains. Blot the stain rather than rubbing.

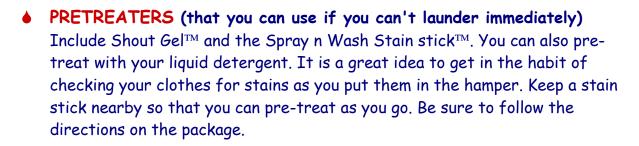
PATIENCE

If the garment is worth saving, it is worth a little extra time and effort to follow stain removal procedures.

PERSISTENCE

Because some stains are difficult to remove, it may be necessary to repeat a procedure several times. Do not dry the garment if the stain does not come out- it may set the stain. Instead, pre-treat and wash again.

There are several great products on the market that help with stains- Pretreaters and Immediate (portable) stain removal products.



■ IMMEDIATE/PORTABLE (get out many stains immediately) Two products that are portable and are useful to tackle stains as soon as they happen are Shout WipesTM and Tide to GoTM. Be sure to follow the directions on the package.











Stain Stick

COMMON STAINS & REMOVAL TIPS



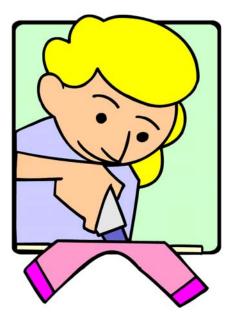
Using a stain removal product may help as well.

BALLPOINT PEN INK:

Sponge stain with rubbing alcohol or hairspray until wet. Rinse thoroughly. Pre-treat stain and launder in hottest water safe for fabric.

BLOOD:

First soak in cold water and then sprinkle stain with wet table salt, rub and wash as usual. Pre-treat remaining stain.



BEVERAGE, FRUIT/FRUIT JUICE, CHOCOLATE/COCOA, PERFUME:

Sponge promptly with cold water or soak in cold water. Pre- treat remaining stain. Launder with appropriate bleach (whites only) or bleach alternative (colors) and hottest water safe for fabric.

GREASE/OILY STAINS:

Gently scrape off any grease that is on top of the fabric. Rub either a stain removal product or grease-cutting dish liquid on it and let it sit for a couple minutes. Launder as soon as possible, and use a pre-wash stain remover that is appropriate for the fabric.

RUST:

Launder with a rust remover- rust comes from the water supply, not the machine. DO NOT BLEACH- it will intensify the stain.

SPAGHETTI SAUCE/TOMATO PRODUCTS:

Gently wipe away as much as possible, then blot the stain the stain with club soda, which will counteract the acids. Use a pre-wash stain remover and launder as soon as possible.

LIQUID FABRIC SOFTENER:

If dumped directly on clothes, liquid fabric softener may stain. This is why is it dispensed mid cycle. Rub the dampened stain with bar soap (such as Ivory) and re-launder.

GUM:

Rub stained area with ice. Remove excess gum carefully with a dull knife. Use a pre-treat product. Rinse. Launder using hottest water safe for fabric.