



## 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- Pre-treaters and Immediate (portable) stain removal products.



### 🔥 **PRETREATERS** (that you can use if you can't launder immediately)

Include Shout Gel™ and the Spray n Wash Stain stick™. You can also pre-treat with your liquid detergent. It is a great idea to get in the habit of checking your clothes for stains as you put them in the hamper. Keep a stain stick nearby so that you can pre-treat as you go. Be sure to follow the directions on the package.

### 🔥 **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 Wipes™ and Tide to Go™. Be sure to follow the directions on the package.





## 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.

