

THE TOP 5

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Let's face it accidents do happen and, despite every precaution to protect your carpet, spills and stains do occur. When it comes to cleaning these properly, it is important to use the right products and the right techniques.

Sometimes what you think is doing the trick can actually be making things 10 times worse. To ensure you remove tough carpet stains effectively take a look at our top 5 tips.





1. Never Scrub a Stain

When a spill occurs, there is one consistent spot removal step you don't want to forget: Blot, don't scrub! It might be tempting to attack a stain with vigorous scrubbing, but for carpet stains, elbow grease isn't the answer.

Scrubbing a stain can actually push and grind the dirt or liquid deeper into the carpet fibers. Instead, you want to gently blot all stains using a dry white cloth or paper towel.

Scoop up solids immediately using a knife or spoon and absorb as much of the spillage as possible.





2. Freeze-Dried Gum

You step in chewing gum out on the street but don't realize it until you tracked that gross, sticky mess onto your carpet.

To get it out, head to the freezer and grab a couple of ice cubes. Freeze the gum with ice cubes for about 30 seconds.

Once the gum is frozen solid, use a spoon to lift up the glob and cut the strands of carpet as close to the gum as possible. If you cut only a small amount of carpet, the spot shouldn't be noticeable.





3. Heat Wax

Burning candles in the house can result in wax dripping onto the carpet, where it quickly dries and gets embedded. Professionals recommend heating it back up to remove it. Place a white cloth over your iron, then put the iron on top of the wax to warm it up. Finally, scrape off the wax with a butter knife.

When you are done doing that, lay a paper towel over the surface area and iron on the paper. The wax is melting and binds to the paper, and the wax will be gone after a few more applications.

Important note: Don't use the iron this way for more than 30 seconds or you risk burning the carpet. And be sure to use a white cloth and white towels since colored ones can transfer the color onto the carpet when heated up, especially if you have a light-colored carpet.





4. Dishwasher Liquid vs Grease

The best method against difficult-to-clean grease stains is to use a drop or two of a grease-cutting dishwashing liquid, such as fairy, in a cup of water.

It'll cut through the grease in the carpet just the way it does on your dishes.

"Put the solution in a spray bottle and spray it on the stain," Tarbox says. "Then blot it up." Again, you may need to do this multiple times for larger stains.





5. Use Bicarbonate of Soda as a De-odouriser

If your carpet has a funny smell due to spilled food, pet odor or years of foot traffic, baking soda might be just the right solution. Using harsh chemicals to remove stains and odors isn't good for the environment and can be irritating to your eyes and respiratory system.

Baking soda is cheap, safe for pets and humans and easy to use. Liberally sprinkle baking soda over the area you want to treat. Rub the bicarbonate of soda into the carpet with a dry sponge. Let the baking soda sit for several hours or overnight making sure it doesn't get wet. Vacuum up the soda and your done!





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