



## Holiday Spot and Spill Emergency Clean up Tips

  
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**See back of guide (page 4) for important instructions.**

<b>Spill</b>	<b>Tips to remove</b>
<b>Cranberry Sauce</b>	<p>Saturate a white terry cloth towel with cool water and add a small squirt of dishwashing detergent to the cloth. Squeeze the cloth to create bubbles and blot at the stain with the soapy cloth. Continue working until you remove as much of the stain as possible.</p> <p>Rinse the stained area by spraying it with water and blot the carpet again with a damp cloth.</p> <p>Mix 2/3 cup isopropyl alcohol with 1 tbsp. white vinegar in the small bowl. Moisten another absorbent cloth with this solution and blot at the stain with the cloth to remove as much remaining sauce as possible. Leave this solution soaking on the stain for up to 10 minutes.</p> <p>Rinse the stained area again with water from the spray bottle. Remove all remnants of white vinegar from the carpet. Blot the carpet dry with a dry white cloth when you finish rinsing.</p> <p>Mix 2 cups of warm water with 1 tbsp. ammonia in a small bowl. Saturate another cleaning cloth with this solution and use it to blot the remaining cranberry stain on the carpet. Work until you remove the stain completely and no more color transfers to the cleaning cloth as you blot the stain.</p> <p>Rinse the stained area one final time by spraying it with water in the spray bottle.</p>
<b>Red Wine</b>	<p>Blot the spill with paper towels or a clean white cloth.</p> <p>Mix 2 cups of warm water with 1 tbsp. ammonia in a small bowl. Saturate another cleaning cloth with this solution and use it to blot the remaining red wine stain on the carpet.</p> <p>Mix 1/3 cup of white vinegar with 2/3 cup water. Apply to the spot to neutralize the ammonia.</p> <p>Combine 1 teaspoon carpet shampoo (or dish soap, like Dawn) and 1 cup hydrogen peroxide in a small bowl. Soak a clean sponge in the mixture, squeeze it halfway dry, then gently blot the stain. Continue until the stain lifts.</p> <p>Sponge the stained area with warm water.</p> <p>Blot dry with a clean white terry cloth or paper towels.</p>

<p><b>Ketchup, cheese, chocolate, cough syrup, mixed drinks, soft drinks, soy sauce.</b></p> <p><b>(Continued)</b></p>	<p>For large spills use a Wet/Dry vacuum to extract the bulk of the spill if just a small amount was spilled blot with white towel to remove as much of the stain as possible then neutralize with a solution of 1 tablespoon of clear household ammonia to 1/2 cup of water. Saturate spot using spray bottle. Do not wet backing. Blot with a white paper towel to remove excess moisture.</p> <p>Mix 1/3 cup of white vinegar with 2/3 cup water. Apply to the spot to neutralize the ammonia.</p> <p>After neutralizing, begin with <i>step 2</i> (see below) of general procedure. All solutions for removing blood must be cool.</p>
<p><b>Candle Wax</b></p>	<p>Spread brown paper (such as grocery bag, making sure there is no ink printed on the bag on the area you will be using) or white towel over the area and iron with the setting on "warm". The wax will be absorbed into the paper or towel. You will need to replace the paper as it absorbs up the wax. Remove any traces with alcohol or dry cleaning fluid. DO NOT use an iron on carpets with Olefin fibers. Olefin is a fairly raw oil base by-product and it is very easy to melt or distort with heat or friction. Please call Ecosuds for assistance.</p>
<p><b>Greasy Spots (i.e. Turkey Gravy)</b></p>	<p><b>Step 1:</b> Remove as much of the foreign material as possible by blotting with a white paper towel or scraping with a dull knife. Apply isopropyl rubbing alcohol or a clean white cloth, white paper towel or cotton ball. If the spot extends deep into the pile use a blotting motion until the spot is removed or no color is transferred to the cloth. Do not allow the alcohol to penetrate into the backing, as this will may destroy the latex bond. If the spot is on the surface only, rub in one direction at a time. Never use a circular motion to remove spot as this may destroy the dye or texture. Stop if spot is removed. If not, go to step 2.</p>
<p><b>Water based Spots</b></p> <p>Continued on next page.</p>	<p>Blot up as much of the spill as is possible. A wet/dry vacuum is useful if a large quantity of liquid was spilled. If the spot has dried, saturate the tufts in the affected area with tap water (do not over wet). Allow to remain for about one minute and blot. If the spot is being removed using water, continue until the spot is completely removed. Blot dry and apply the paper towels and a brick or some other heavy, flat object. If it is not completely removed go to step 3.</p> <p><b>Step 2:</b> Remove as much of the foreign material as possible by blotting with a white paper towel or scraping with a dull knife. Apply a small quantity of spot treatment* (our Free Ecosuds <i>Green Wizard</i> works well for this) solution to the spot. Use a blotting motion to work the detergent into the affected area. If spot is coming out continue applying detergent and blotting with a white</p>

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paper towel until spot is removed. Rinse with tap water using a spray bottle, blot to remove excess moisture, spray lightly with water, do not blot this time; apply pad of paper towels and brick and allow to dry. If there is still some stain on the carpet and blotting is not removing it, then moisten the tufts in the stained area with 3% hydrogen peroxide. Let stand for one (1) hour. Blot and repeat until carpet is stain free. UV light and oxygen will cause peroxide to change back to water so no rinsing is necessary. Apply pad of paper towels and weight down with brick.

## Important notes and information:

Always spot test in an inconspicuous area before attempting to clean. If you are getting colour bleeding or making the spot worse stop and call for professional help.

Do not use: Folex, Resolve, Oxyclean, Simple Green, Woolite, Salt, Baking Soda, or Bleach on any natural fibre carpet, rug, or fabric.

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Items you may need: Ecosuds GreenWiz Spot Remover (free to SudsClub Members.... Call if you need more). White terry cloth towels or white paper towels, spoon or dull knife, spray bottle, bowl with sponge, soft brush, 3% hydrogen peroxide, white vinegar, ammonia.

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