

LAUNDRY TIPS AND TRICKS

STAIN REMOVAL

Today's detergents do a lot, but sometimes a little extra boost is needed. Use these tips to help remove tough stains with items you may have around your home.



Grease

Remove stains from butter, oil, mayonnaise and more by treating the fabric with a combination solvent such as Shout or Spray 'n Wash. For heavy grease stains, also use mineral spirits.



Grass, Blood, Eggs

To remove these protein stains, start by soaking the fabric in cold water with salt or a digestant product like Biz or Wisk (not for silk or wool). If needed, add white vinegar to help flush the stain.



Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate

Hot drinks warm the body, but they can stain clothing. Before laundering, use an eyedropper to treat coffee stains with white vinegar and tea stains with lemon juice. A combination solvent such as Shout or Spray 'n Wash is also helpful.



Red Wine

Denatured alcohol helps remove most of a wine stain, and white vinegar can help remove remaining color. If the fabric is sturdy, you can coat the stain with salt and then pour hot water through it from above. Launder thoroughly after treating.



Wax, Gum

These stains need to chill out. Place your garment in the freezer or use ice, then scrape and crack off the debris. A solvent or mineral spirits can help remove remaining residue prior to laundering.



Chocolate

Treat the most delicious of stains like you would treat grease, with a combination solvent such as Shout or Spray 'n Wash. For heavy stains, also use a digestant product like Biz or Wisk (not for silk or wool).



Ink

Ink from pens and felt-tips can leave unwanted marks. Get them out by spraying them with hairspray and then putting a little dishwashing liquid on them prior to laundering.



Juice, Jam

Fruits and vegetables can leave a healthy stain. Flush fabric with denatured alcohol and/or white vinegar, then treat any remaining stain with dishwashing liquid before laundering.



Vinaigrette

Similar to a grease stain, treat your fabric with a combination solvent such as Shout or Spray 'n Wash. If needed, flush the stain with white vinegar before laundering.



Sauces

Ketchup and barbecue sauce are as drawn to fabric as they are to food. Scoop off any excess, then treat the stain with a combination solvent such as Shout or Spray 'n Wash. Flush any remaining stain with white vinegar before laundering.



Lipstick

Use a combination solvent such as Shout or Spray 'n Wash to kiss lipstick stains goodbye. You can also use an eyedropper to flush the stain with white vinegar or a mild bleach.

HELP YOUR CLOTHES LAST LONGER

Whether fashion is your passion or you don't enjoy spending more than needed on clothes, use these tips to get the most from your clothing budget.

1

Address stains quickly before they can set in. When treating a stain, work from the outside in to help prevent spreading.

2

It's easier to care for clothing that doesn't require special treatment. Check the care label before you buy so you can avoid clothing that needs to be dry-cleaned or handwashed.

3

Just as different stains require different treatments, different fabrics require different laundering conditions. Follow the instructions on the label, and whenever possible wash similar items together.

4

Once your clothes are clean, keep them fresh and wrinkle-free with proper storage. Use hangers to let gravity keep pants and shirts straight. Place folded items on shelves or gently into drawers, being careful not to overload them.

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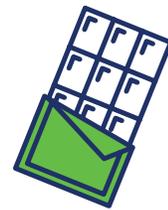
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