

Caring for your carpet

At Wanganui Furnishers we care about you caring for your carpet, so we have developed this stain removal guide. A new wool carpet will last longer and look better if a routine of regular vacuuming, periodic cleaning and immediate removal of spots and spills is followed. Very little equipment is required to maintain a carpet well. A good vacuum cleaner is essential as well as a small box of supplies - including carpet shampoo, dry cleaning fluid and clean absorbent cloths or paper tissues to remove spills.

**Terms and Conditions:**

**Please note that whilst this advice is offered in good faith, no responsibility is accepted for claims arising from the treatments proposed. If stains fail to respond to treatments listed, call a professional carpet cleaner immediately.**

**IMPORTANT: These instructions do not apply to synthetic carpet (nylon, polypropylene etc). Refer to manufacturer's cleaning instructions.**

**CAUTION: Before proceeding to treat stain, pre-test treatments on an inconspicuous part of the carpet to check for possible colour change.**

**BEER**

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**BEETROOT**

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**BLEACH**

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**BLOOD**

Cold water

Dye stripper. Dilute 50 to 1 with cold water. Caution: Do not use on dark or patterned carpet.

**BURNS/ SCORCHES**

Hydrogen peroxide (20 vol) diluted 10 to 1 with cold water. Caution: Do not use on dark or patterned carpet.

**BUTTER**

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**CHEWING GUM**

Chewing gum remover (freezing agent).

**CHOCOLATE**

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

**COCOA**

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Cold water.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**COFFEE**

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Cold water

**COOKING OILS**

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**CRAYON**

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**CREAM**

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**EGG**

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**EXCREMENT**

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**FRUIT JUICE**

Clean, warm (not hot) water.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**GRASS**

Methylated spirits. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

**GREASE**

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**ICE CREAM**

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**INK - BALLPOINT**

Methylated spirits. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**INK - FOUNTAIN**

Clean, warm (not hot) water.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

Dye stripper. Dilute 50 to 1 with cold water. Caution: Do not use on dark or patterned carpet.

**LIPSTICK**

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water

**METAL POLISH**

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**MILDEW**

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

Hydrogen peroxide (20 vol) diluted 10 to 1 with cold water. Caution: Do not use on dark or patterned carpet.

**MILK**

Clean, warm (not hot) water.

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**MUSTARD**

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**NAIL POLISH**

Nail Polish remover.

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

**OIL**

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**PAINT - ACRYLIC**

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Cold water.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**PAINT - OIL BASED**

Mineral turpentine - effectiveness is increased with equal quantity of dry cleaning fluid. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**RUST**

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

Weak solution of white vinegar or lemon juice with cold water.

**SALAD DRESSING**

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

 Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**SHOE POLISH**

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**SOFT DRINK**

Clean, warm (not hot) water.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

Hydrogen peroxide (20 vol) diluted 10 to 1 with cold water. Caution: Do not use on dark or patterned carpet.

**TAR**

Mineral turpentine - effectiveness is increased with equal quantity of dry cleaning fluid. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**TEA**

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Cold water.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**URINE**

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**VOMIT**

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**WINE - RED**

Absorbent powder (salt or talc). Sprinkle on spillage, leave overnight and vacuum next day.

Clean, warm (not hot) water.

Dye stripper. Dilute 50 to 1 with cold water. Caution: Do not use on dark or patterned carpet.

**WINE - WHITE**

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.

**WOOD POLISH**

Dry-cleaning fluid, lighters fluid or mineral turpentine. Caution: Ensure that no flame or lit cigarette is near, and use in well ventilated areas.

Solution of one teaspoon of approved wool detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar and one litre of warm water.