

# Stain Removers

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## Alcoholic Beverages



Mix 1 qt. warm water with 1/2 tsp. dish soap and 1 tbs. white vinegar. Soak garment in solution 15 minutes.

Rinse, sponge gently with rubbing alcohol, and launder. Soak 30 mins. in 1 qt. warm water mixed with 1 tbs. enzyme-containing detergent.

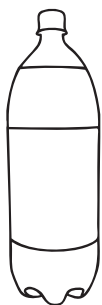
## Baby Food



Remove excess. Soak 15 minutes in solution of 1 qt. warm water, 1/2 tsp. dish soap, and 1 tbs. ammonia. Rub,

gently, then soak in solution again. Soak in enzyme-containing detergent for several hours. Launder if needed.

## Cola (carpet)



Use a white paper towel to blot the stain. Saturate with solution of 1 part white vinegar and 2 parts water. Blot with detergent solution (1/4 tsp. dish soap in 1

qt. water). If stain persists, moisten area with 3% hydrogen peroxide, let stand 1 hour, blot and repeat.

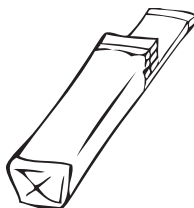
## Chocolate



Pre-treat area by soaking with laundry stain remover. Launder immediately. If needed, soak in chlorine or oxygen bleach. For heavier stains, apply dry cleaning solvent to stain from the back of the fabric. Repeat above steps.

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## Gum



Rub area with ice and scrape off as much gum as possible with a dull knife or spoon. Pretreat with laundry stain remover and launder. Repeat with bleach if necessary.

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## Fruit Juice



Soak 15 minutes in solution of 1 qt. warm water, 1/2 tsp. dish soap and 1 stp. white vinegar. Rinse, then sponge with rubbing

alcohol. Soak 30 minutes in 1 qt. warm water mixed with enzyme-containing detergent. Launder using bleach if needed.

## Mayonnaise



Pre-treat with laundry stain remover. Rub with heavy-duty liquid detergent. Launder.

## Play-Doh (carpet)



Remove excess with a dull knife (or by blotting with a white paper towel). Blot with a white towel saturated with rubbing alcohol.

If needed, lightly apply solution of 1/4 tsp. detergent in 1 qt. water and blot, then rinse with water (using spray bottle). If needed, apply hydrogen peroxide (see 'Cola'), then soak up any moisture by weighing down a pad of paper towels.

## Supplies

### Enzyme-containing detergent:

Breaks down proteins in living matter. Found in many detergents (check the label)

### Heavy-duty Detergents:

All, Cheer, Era, Tide

### Light-duty Detergents:

Arm & Hammer, Woolite, Fab, Ivory

### Pre-treatment Stain Removers:

Aerosol - Clorox, Shout, Spray'n Wash

Pump - Clorox, Shout, Zout  
Stain Stick - Tide, Wisk-away

### Safety Tips:

- Never mix bleach and ammonia
- Read labels before use
- Keep chemicals off skin/eyes
- Use chemicals in ventilated area

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Credit: University of Illinois Extension Satin Solutions Web site [<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/stain/index.cfm>]