

## Spot Removal Solutions provided by Arcade Floors

One of the following solutions will usually help you handle most common spills and stains. Always use the solutions in the concentrations recommended. Improper use could result in damage to your carpet. Refer to the chart to determine which solution is best for your spot or stain.

**DETERGENT SOLUTION:** Mix ¼ teaspoon of clear, non-bleach, non-lanolin, dishwashing liquid per 1 cup of warm water. Allow detergent solution to remain on spot or stain for 8-10 minutes. Rinse with warm water several times to remove the detergent residue. Do not use automatic dishwasher detergents because they may contain bleaching agents that could remove the color or damage the fibers of your carpet.

**DRY POWDER CLEANER:** Powder carpet cleaners such as Resista® or Capture®.

**DRY CLEANING FLUID:** Use caution when using a dry cleaning fluid. A non-flammable spot removal is preferred. Transfer the solution to the spot using a cloth or a sponge—do not apply directly to the spot since direct contact may destroy the backing of the carpet. Consult your warranty before using this solution

**NAIL POLISH REMOVER:** There are two types of nail polish removers. One contains acetone, a dry cleaning solvent. Use the same precautions as with any other dry cleaning solution. The other type contains amyl acetate, which is used in many paint, oil, and grease removers. Amyl acetate leaves a residue that may cause rapid soiling. Rinse the area with rubbing alcohol to remove this residue.

## Spot Removal Methods

### Method A

1. Apply a Dry Cleaning Solvent\*  
--Use a damp towel
2. Blot—don't rub
3. Repeat Solvent application as above
4. Blot—don't rub
5. Water—apply with damp towel
6. Blot—finish with weighted pad of towels

### Method B

1. Scrape or Blot up excess spill
2. Apply Detergent—Use a damp towel
3. Blot—don't rub
4. Apply White Vinegar (undiluted)—Use a damp towel
5. Blot—don't rub
6. Water—apply with a damp sponge
7. Blot—finish with weighted pad of towels

#### Method C

1. Scrape or Blot up excess spill
2. Apply dry baking soda
3. Scrape & Vacuum
4. Water—use a damp sponge to rinse remaining baking soda—don't over-wet
5. Blot—don't rub
6. Apply Presoak Solution—use damp
7. Water—rinse as above
8. Blot—don't rub – dry well
9. Apply Dry Powder Cleaner
10. Vacuum

#### Method E

1. Apply Nail Polish Remover\* (non-oily type)—use cotton swab to apply to the spill—don't wet through to the carpet backing
2. Pick up softened materials—use clean white paper towel and push towards center of spill to avoid spreading stain
3. Repeat Above –soften and carefully remove a layer of the spill each time. Haste may spread the spill or damage the carpet

#### Method H

1. Vacuum away as much as possible
2. Loosen remaining material by tapping with a scrub brush or toothbrush—tap with brush—do not scrub
3. Vacuum
4. Apply Dry Powder
5. Tap with brush to work powder into Carpet tufts—do not scrub
6. Let Powder dry—1 hour or more
7. Vacuum
8. Repeat Dry Powder application if necessary

#### Method D

1. Scrape or Blot up excess spill
2. Freeze with ice cubes
3. Shatter—with blunt object like the back of a large spoon
4. Vacuum away chips before they melt

#### Method F

1. Scrape or Blot up excess spill
2. Apply Detergent Solution\*
3. Use damp towel – leave in 3-5 minutes
4. Blot—don't rub
5. Apply White Vinegar (undiluted)—Use damp towel

#### Method G

1. Scrape off excess material
2. Cover with brown paper
3. Apply warm iron until material is absorbed. Be sure paper is large enough to cover stained area. Take care to never touch the iron to the carpet as the fibers may melt.
4. Change paper or rotate to clean area until all material is absorbed

\* See Spot Removal Solutions

## Common Stains & Removal Methods

Asphalt/Tar	A	Glue (white)	B/C
Beer	B	Glue (hobby)	A/E
Berries	B/F	Ice Cream	B
Blood	B	Ink (marker, pen)	A/F
Butter/Shortening	A	Lipstick/Mascara	A
Candle Wax	D/G	Mayonnaise	B
Candy (Sugar)	B	Mildew	F
Catsup/Mustard	C/F	Milk	B
Chalk	H	Mixed Drinks (liqueurs)	B/F
Charcoal	E	Mud	B
Chewing Gum	A/D	Nail Polish	E
Chocolate	B	Newsprint	A
Coffee/Tea	B/F	Paint (latex)	B
Cooking Oil	A/C	Paint (oil base)	A
Crayon	A/B	Paper Mache	B
Dirt	B/C	Pet Food	C/F
Dyes (blue, black green, red)	F	Play-Doh®	A
Excrement	C	Shoe Polish	A/F
Foundation (makeup)	A/B	Urine (dry or fresh)	B
Fruit Drinks**/ Soft Drinks	C/F	Vomit	C
Furniture Polish	A	Wine (red)	F
Grass	A/E	Wine (white)	B
Grease (auto)	A	Unknown	A/B

\*\*Fruit drinks include: artificially colored fruit drinks, Kool-Aid® & lemonade  
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