



# Living Well Spending Less STAIN REMOVAL GUIDE

## SUPPLIES:

- Ammonia
- Aqua Net Hair Spray
- All Fabric Bleach
- Bleach
- Dish Soap
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Oxy-Clean Powder
- Paper Towels
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Stain Remover
- Table Knife
- Vinegar

## Coffee Stains

Place item facedown on clean towel. Gently rub with sponge soaked in rubbing alcohol. Soak item for 15 minutes in mixture of 1 quart water, 1 tbsp. vinegar, and a squirt of liquid dish soap. Rinse item. Soak in Oxy-Clean solution for 30 minutes. Launder normally.

## WINE OR JUICE

Mix 1 tablespoon vinegar with 2/3 cup rubbing alcohol. Use a clean cloth or rag to blot the stain with rubbing alcohol solution. Continue blotting until liquid is absorbed and stain disappears. Launder normally.

## BLOOD

Soak item in ice-cold water for 15 minutes. Rub stain from behind. Soak additional 15 minutes in cold water. Check stain. If still visible, soak item in Oxy-Clean solution for 30 minutes. Launder normally.

## Ink Pen

Place stain face down on clean paper towel. Blot with sponge or cloth soaked in rubbing alcohol. If stain remains, spray with Aqua-Net hairspray and gently rub stain from back. Rinse fabric. Launder normally.

## General Guidelines:

- The sooner you treat a stain, the more likely it is to come out.
- Be sure to check for colorfastness before treating stain.
- Be sure to blot any excess liquid immediately.
- Avoid rubbing delicate fabrics
- Be patient! Some stains take a while to remove.

## BERRIES & KETCHUP

Place stain face down on clean paper towel. Pre-treat underside of stain with liquid laundry detergent or stain remover, rubbing stain gently. Rinse. Soak for 30 minutes in solution of lukewarm water mixed with all-fabric bleach. Rinse. If item is white or colorfast, soak in bleach solution for 15 minutes. Rinse and launder normally. **This method also works for mustard, mascara, markers & many other stains.**

## OIL OR GREASE

Place stain facedown on clean paper towel. Pre-treat underside of stain with generous amount of liquid laundry detergent or stain remover, rubbing stain gently. Rinse with hot water. Launder normally in hottest water possible.

## NAIL POLISH

Place stain facedown on clean paper towel. Gently rub from underside with cloth soaked in nail polish remover. Repeat until stain is gone. Launder normally.

## grass stains

Soak item in cool water & Oxy-Clean solution for several hours. Launder normally, using bleach for whites. If stain persists, soak in Oxy solution again, then re-wash.

## Candle Wax

Scrape off any excess wax with table knife. Place stain facedown on clean paper towel. Press iron over backside of stain to release wax onto paper towel. Repeat with clean paper towels until no more wax transfers to paper towel. Treat remaining color stain with stain remover. Soak in Oxy-Clean solution for 30 minutes. Launder normally, using bleach for whites.

## BABY FOOD

Scrape off any dried food with kitchen knife. Soak item for 15 minutes in mixture of 1 quart water, 1 tbsp. ammonia, and a squirt of liquid dish soap. Gently rub stain from the back, then soak additional 15 minutes. Rinse item, then soak in Oxy-Clean solution for at least 30 minutes, or until stain is gone. Launder normally.

