

Wool Wisdom

Frequent vacuuming is a wool carpet's best friend.

An upright vacuum with a beater bar/brush is the best type for cut pile carpet. A suction-only vacuum may be required for loop pile Berber carpets to prevent excessive fuzzing.

Vacuum cleaner dustbag should be emptied when half full.

Exercise prevention maintenance by placing absorbent mats at the most frequently used entrances to your home. Change or launder when these mats become dirty. Filters in your heating and air conditioning systems should be changed regularly.

Clean traffic lanes and in front of frequently used chairs periodically with an absorbent powder (such as Host, Dri-Matic or Capture).

Keep absorbent cloth or paper towels and cleaning solutions on hand for quick response to spills and accidents.

DO NOT apply stain repellent treatments which may contain any silicone because they tend to accelerate carpet soiling. (Some carpet manufacturers do not accept responsibility for complaints where such treatments have been used). When having your wool carpet professionally cleaned, use a "WoolCare Specialist" certified by ASCR. Call 800-272-7012 for a certified cleaner near you.

Cleaning Agents for Spot Removal

Detergent Solution

Mix one teaspoon of clean dish washing liquid or detergent powder (containing no bleaches or strong alkalis) with a cup of warm (not hot) water. This solution must be well rinsed with clear water.

Ammonia Solution

Mix one tablespoon of clear household ammonia (3% solution) with ½ cup of water. This solution must be neutralized with vinegar solution.

Vinegar Solution

Mix 1/3 cup of white vinegar with 2/3 cup of water.

Solvent

Mineral Spirits or Turpentine.

Absorbent Cleaners

Host, Dri-Matic, or Capture

Type of Treatment

1. Cold water.
2. Detergent solution or Shampoo solution. Carpet
3. Ammonia solution.
4. Solvent
5. Chill with aerosol freezing agent or ice cubes in a plastic bag. Pick or scrape off gum.
6. Vinegar solution.
7. Warm water.
8. Clear nail polish remover (preferably acetone).
9. Alcohol.
10. Rust remover.
11. Absorbent powder (e.g. salt, talc, or proprietary absorbent).
12. Absorbent cleaner (Host, Dri-Matic, Capture).

Spot	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Alcoholic Beverages	1	2	-
Bleach	1	3	-
Blood	1	2	-
Butter	4	2	-
Candle Wax*	-	-	-
Chewing Gum	5	4	-
Chocolate	2	3	6
Coffee	1	2	4
Colas & Soft Drinks	1	2	-
Cooking Oil	4	2	-
Cream	2	4	-
Egg	2	-	-
Floor Wax	4	2	-
Fruit Juice	1	2	-
Furniture Polish	4	2	3
Gravy & Sauces	7	2	-
Ink (Fountain Pen)	1	2	-
Ink (Ballpoint Pen)	4	9	2
Ink (Felt Tip)	7	2	8
Ketchup	7	2	-
Lipstick	4	2	-
Mercurochrome	2	3	6
Milk	7	4	2
Mustard	2	-	-
Nail Polish	8	4	-
Oil & Grease	4	2	-
Paint (Latex)	1	2	4
Paint (Oil)	9	4	2
Rust	4	2	10
Salad Dressing	2	4	-
Shoe Polish	4	2	-
Soot	4	2	3
Tar	4	-	-
Tea	1	2	4
Urine (Fresh)	1	2	-
Urine (Old)	2	3	6
Vomit	2	-	-
Wine	11	1	2
Unknown Material	4	12	2

*Absorbent paper and hot iron



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