

# Stain Removal



## Tips

**Grease** (e.g. butter, oil, mayonnaise, hotdog grease)

First dab the area with a little rubbing alcohol and let it dry. Then rub a little dishwashing soap on the area and suds a bit with water. Soak the item in water with some detergent and then wash as normal.

**Protein** (e.g. blood)

Squirt the area with diluted dishwashing soap and let it sit. Rinse in tepid water. If the stain still remains, treat the area with a detergent and then wash as usual.

**Fruit or Vegetable** (e.g. juice)

Squirt dishwashing detergent on the stain and suds with water. Add a little vinegar to the area and if the stain is on a white garment, you can use hydrogen peroxide on the stain if your working on a light/white colored garment. Follow up with detergent, rinse and wash as usual.

**Grass**

Start with rubbing alcohol and rub the area with a toothbrush. Let dry and then add laundry detergent to the area and try scrubbing again. Wash.

**Chocolate**

Start by treating the area with diluted dishwashing soap first. Next, apply laundry detergent to remove any traces of chocolate and wash as usual.

**Sauces** (e.g. tomato, ketchup, barbecue)

First scoop off excess sauce, being careful to lift under and up on the sauce as much as possible. Add dishwashing soap and a little water to the area. Soak in tepid water. If color still persists, add a few drops of white vinegar. Follow up with laundry detergent on the area and then wash. If the color is still there and it's on a white garment, follow up with 3% hydrogen peroxide. Let it sit, rinse and treat again with laundry detergent.

**Mustard**

Try flushing the area with vinegar first and follow up with dishwashing detergent. Wash as usual.

**Ballpoint Ink**

First try treating the area with rubbing alcohol. Rinse and treat with dishwashing soap, then wash the area with laundry detergent in warm water.