



Simple Stain Solutions

Help for Winter Holiday Mishaps

The winter holidays are a time of fun and celebration for the entire family. However, amid all the excitement is an increased chance that someone will spill food, beverages or candle wax on your carpet. In preparation for such mishaps, STAINMASTER® carpet offers some simple cleaning solutions to help you clean the most common holiday spills.

CLEANING SOLUTIONS:

For candle wax:

Dry Cleaning Fluid Solution

Use non-flammable dry cleaning fluid or a liquid spot remover from the grocery store or hardware store. (Note: Do not apply dry cleaning fluid directly to carpet. Apply first to a cloth and use the cloth to apply the fluid to the stain.)

Detergent Solution

Mix 1/4 teaspoon mild liquid dish soap with one cup of warm water.

For gravy, cranberry sauce and butter:

Detergent Solution

Mix 1/4 teaspoon mild liquid dish soap with one cup of warm water.

Vinegar Solution

Mix two tablespoons white vinegar with four cups warm water.

For eggnog:

Detergent Solution

Mix 1/4 teaspoon mild liquid dish soap with one cup of warm water.

Ammonia Solution

Mix two tablespoons clear, white non-suds ammonia and four cups warm water.

BASIC CLEANING STEPS:

1. Scoop up and blot as much of the spill as possible.
2. Vacuum any dry particles.
3. Prepare suggested cleaning solutions, beginning with the first one listed.
4. Pretest the cleaning solution on an inconspicuous spot of carpet to ensure it does not discolor or damage the carpet.
5. Apply the cleaning solution to the stain area. Work from the outside of the stain toward the center.
6. Allow the cleaning solution to remain on the spill for at least five minutes.
7. Blot with a clean white cloth until no more stain transfers to the cloth. Do not rub the stain area or you might damage the carpet fibers.
8. Rinse with cold water. Be sure all cleaning solution is removed from the carpet.
9. If you can still see the stain, repeat the process until either the stain is removed or the stain no longer transfers to the cloth.
10. If the stain remains, try the next solution on the list and follow the same protocol above. If the stain persists after trying each of the solutions, contact a professional cleaner.
11. Once the stain is removed, place layers of white paper towel on the site to absorb any moisture. Weight down the towels with a non-staining glass or ceramic object. You can let them sit overnight.
12. When the carpet is dry, vacuum to restore the texture.
13. Have your carpet professionally cleaned every 24 months, as required by the STAINMASTER® carpet limited warranty.



DID YOU KNOW?

- U.S. retail candle sales are estimated at \$2 billion annually.
- Candle shipments increase substantially at the end of the year due to candle use in many holiday celebrations.
- Consumers say that they usually burn candles for less than three hours.
- Candle manufacturers' surveys show that more than 95 percent of all candles are purchased by women.
- Women are more frequent users of candles than men, and young people use candles more often than older adults.
- Nine out of ten candle users say they use candles to make a room feel more comfortable or cozy.

National Candle Association

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