

Jaffe Rug Gallery

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Below are some helpful hints on cleaning and caring for your rug. We strongly recommend that you consult with one of our rug care experts before you clean your rug.

****Jaffe Rug Gallery is not responsible for any damage that may occur to your rug from self-cleaning. These tips are to be utilized at your discretion.***

Six Step Stain Removal for Your Rug

Accidents happen everyday, but it doesn't mean that your rug's appearance has to suffer. Here are six easy steps to ensure your rug doesn't pay the price of mishaps.

1. Act Fast
2. Blot – Never Rub
3. Clean Stain – Starting from Edge to Center
4. Do Not Soak
5. Pat and Fan Dry
6. Brush Pile

You have to move fast when spills happen, which means you should keep a little box containing the following close at hand at all time: dry cleaning fluid, club soda, cotton clothes, white vinegar, mild dishwashing detergent (containing no alkaline or bleaches), alcohol, 3 percent hydrogen peroxide, clothes brush, household ammonia, salt, and nail polish remover (acetone).

Scoop or scrape off solid stains with a spoon or blunt knife. Blot up excess spills with paper towels. Don't rub, as this will spread the stain. You want the opposite of the ripple effect, working the stain from the edge to the center. This will hopefully contain the stain and not affect the rest of the rug. Always apply antidote with a clean cloth. Don not soak the stain with cleaning solution. The less moisture the better. Then pat excess moisture with paper towels and dry with a fan or hand blow dryers, preferably on a low dear setting. Finally, to restore the pile, brush it with a soft brush. On old and stubborn stains, repeat the process until the stain is completely removed.

Rug Cleaning and Rug Care Chart

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A - Cold Water.

B - One Teaspoon of clear dishwashing with a cup of warm water.

C - One tablespoon of clear household ammonia (3%) with 1/2 cup of water.

D - A dry-cleaning solvent from grocery or home improvement store.

E - Chill with ice cubes in a plastic bag. Break residue into small pieces, scrape off and vacuum.

F - 1/3 cup of white vinegar with 2/3 cup of water.

G - Warm Water.

H - Clear nail polish remover without oil or nail conditioners (preferably acetone).

I - Denatured alcohol or methylated spirits. Avoid oil-based minerals.

J - Rust Remover.

K - Absorbent Powder (salt, talc or commercial dry, absorbent powders).

Solid Food, Other Organic Stains

Step	Butter	Chewing Gum	Chocolate	Egg	Ketchup	Mustard	Blood	Urine (fresh)	Urine (old)	Vomit
1	D	E	B	B	G	B	A	A	B	B
2	B	D	C	-	B	-	B	B	C	-
3	-	-	F	-	-	-	-	-	F	-

Liquid Food Stains

Step	Alcoholic Beverages	Coffee	Colas and Soft Drinks	Cooking Oils	Fruit Juice	Milk	Tea	Wine
1	A	A	G	D	A	G	A	K
2	B	B	B	B	B	D	B	A
3	-	D	-	-	-	B	D	B

Household Cleaners, Waxy, Oily Substances

Step	Bleach	Candle Wax	Floor Wax	Furniture Polish	Lipstick	Oil and Grease	Shoe Polish	Soot	Tar
1	A	E	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
2	C	D	-	B	B	B	B	B	-
3	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	C	-

Inks, Paints, Rust Stains

Step	Ink (Fountain Pen)	Ink (Ball Point)	Felt Tip Pen	Nail Polish	Latex Paint	Oil Paint	Rust
1	A	D	G	H	B	I	D
2	B	I	B	D	C	D	B
3	-	B	H	-	D	B	A