



LAUNDRY STAINS 101

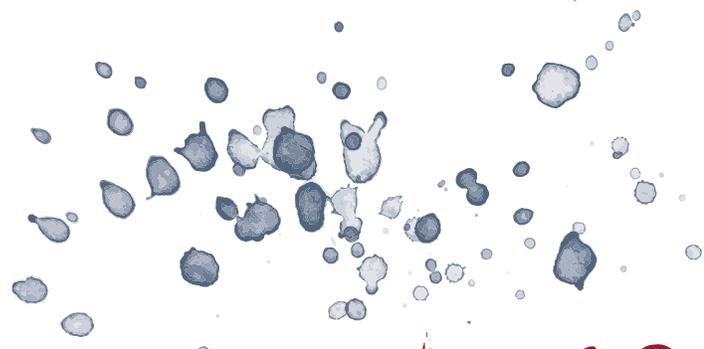
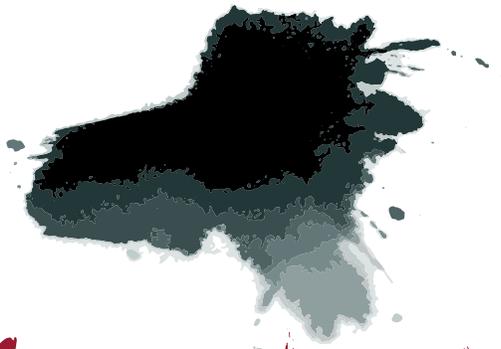
OVERVIEW:

Nothing can send a favorite shirt or pair of pants to the trash faster than a stain that just won't budge. Before you pull your hair out, use these tried-and-true stain removal tips to help you get those stubborn stains out with ease—using everyday household products!

Print out this handy guide, and keep it in your laundry room to help tackle those challenging laundry-stain emergencies!

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- **Laundry Stain Removal List**



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WINE

Carefully dab with a white cotton cloth to help absorb excess liquid. Center a bowl under the stained fabric, and secure with a rubber band. Pour salt onto the stain, and let it sit for at least 5 minutes. Slowly pour boiling water over the stain from a height of at least 8 inches. Launder with hot water. Repeat until stain is gone. **Note:** Do not dry fabric until stain is gone.

OIL OR GREASE

Blot stain with a paper towel to remove as much excess oil or grease as possible (but do not rub). Sprinkle baby powder or baking soda onto the stain, and then brush it off after a few minutes. Launder as normal.

BLOOD

Timing is key here, so treat the stain before it sets. Pour full-strength white vinegar onto the stain, and let it soak for 5-10 minutes. Blot with a clean, damp cloth, and repeat as necessary. Launder immediately.

GRASS

Create a solution of two parts water and one part rubbing alcohol. Apply to the stain, and rub until it is saturated. Launder as usual.

LIQUID MAKEUP

Scrape off any excess with a plastic knife, and blot with a damp paper towel. Pour a few drops of hydrogen peroxide onto the stain, and work in a circular motion with a soft brush. **Note:** A kid's toothbrush is perfect for the job! Launder as usual.

SWEAT

Create a half-strength solution of ammonia and water, and dab on the area before laundering as normal.

MUD

Let the stain dry before brushing to remove the soil. Soak in a solution of 1 quart warm water, 1 teaspoon liquid dish soap, and 1 tablespoon white vinegar for 15 minutes. Rinse, and let stand for several minutes. If the stain persists, dab it with rubbing alcohol, rinse, and launder as normal.

COFFEE

Create a solution of one part white vinegar and two parts water. Use an eyedropper to apply the solution, and then rinse. If the coffee has milk or sugar in it, apply an enzyme detergent, and let sit for 10 minutes. Launder as normal.

INK

Soak the affected garment in milk overnight, and launder as usual the next day. For small stains, you can try spraying the area with hair spray, and marks should come right off.

CHOCOLATE

Make a solution of one tablespoon of an enzyme detergent and two cups of water. Treat the spot with the solution, and let stand for 20 minutes before laundering as normal.