



# TILE

## CLEANING + STAINS

### CLEANING

Sweep or vacuum your tile floors a *couple of times a week* to keep off debris and dirt.

Mix a mild detergent with hot water and apply with a rag or chamois mop instead of a sponge mop. *A sponge mop pushes dirty water into the grout and soils it.*

If you have a hazy film on your tile floor from a dirty mop, remove with an all-purpose cleaner (*non-abrasive so it doesn't scratch*).

## STAINS

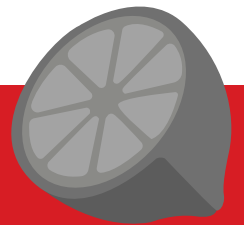
For stubborn grout stains, mix a paste of baking soda and water. Apply it to the stain, let it sit overnight, and then scrub with a brush (*metal brush will scratch the tile*).

For coffee, tea or juice stains, wash the tile surface with hot water and detergent, then blot with hydrogen peroxide.

For grease stains, wash with club soda and water, or a commercial floor cleaner.

For ink stains, soak a cloth in diluted bleach and lay it on top of the stain. Leave the cloth until the stain is gone. Rinse thoroughly when done.

### PRO TIP:



You can also make your own cleaner by mixing lemon juice or vinegar with hot water.

Apply it to the floor and then buff dry with a clean cloth.

Spray grout with a commercial grout cleaner or mild bleach solution. It's a good idea to wear gloves when using these types of products. For deep stains, allow the cleaner to sit for 10 minutes. Use a toothbrush or other small scrub brush to scrub the grout.

# WOOD

DIY CLEANERS

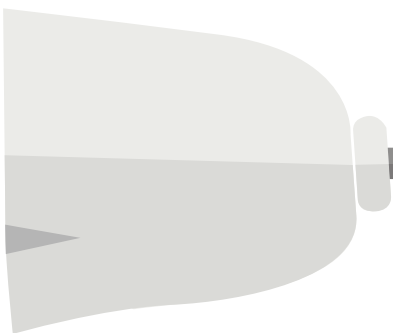
## KEEP UP

- A light damp mopping with a *little bit* of warm water for routine cleaning.
- Warm water and vinegar will give you everything you need to clean and shine your floors. *Add essential oils for fragrance.*
- If you have laminate flooring, use water, vinegar, and properly diluted dish soap.



## PRO TIP:

Ordinary **tea bags** can clean your wood floors while adding shine and luster.



# CARPET

## CLEANING STEPS

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### Clean the stain ASAP.

The most important thing is to get to the stain before it has a chance to set.

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### Blot instead of scrub.

Initially *absorb* whatever you can with a cloth or sponge. The goal is to pull out as much liquid as possible, to reduce the size and spread of the stain.

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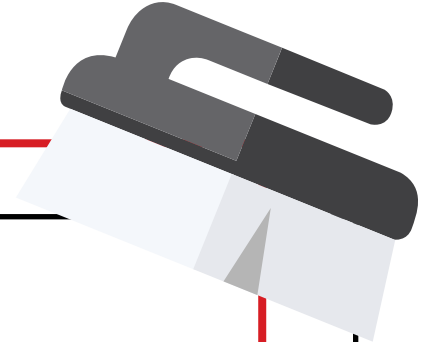
### Use as little product as possible.

This reduces both the drying time and the risk of staining your carpet. For most stains, it's ideal to use *club soda* or *properly diluted dish soap* as a cleaning product.

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### Dry it well.

Blot *thoroughly* with a towel after you clean, as carpet that remains damp could grow mold. You can also use a fan or hair dryer to gently speed the process.

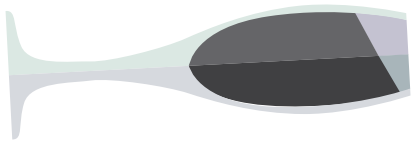


# STAINS

TYPES + SOLUTIONS

## DARK-COLORED FOODS

Scrape off what you can. Mix one part soap and four parts warm water, and apply with a sponge.

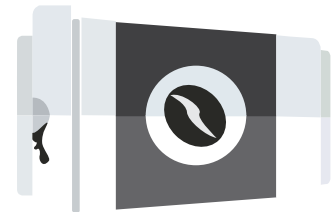


## GREASY FOODS

Scrape off with a knife, then layer paper towels on top of the stain. Turn your iron on lowest heat, and iron the paper towels to lift the grease. Apply a mix of white vinegar, soap and lukewarm water, then rinse.

## WINE & COFFEE

Blot the stain, and rinse with club soda. If needed, brush the spot with soapy water and rinse.

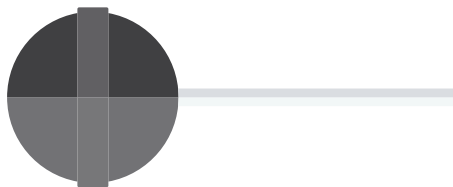


## PET POOP

Remove what you can, then rinse with club soda. If needed, brush the spot with soapy water and rinse.

## MAKEUP

Dampen carpet, rub with properly diluted dish soap, and pat dry.



## GUM

Wrap ice in a towel, and place it on the gum. Then scrape it off.

# CONCRETE

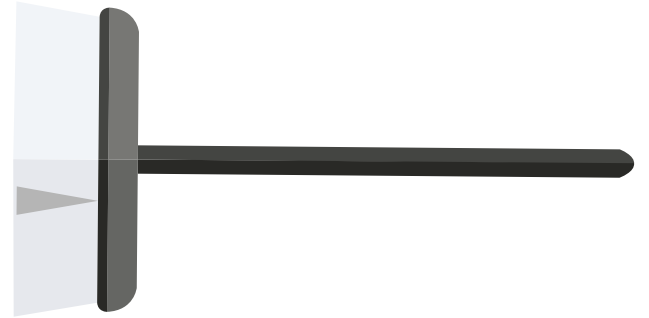
CLEANING TIPS

## HOW TO

A power washer is the easiest way to clean concrete outdoors. You should be able to blast away most dirt, mildew and grime.

Spray the patio surface with a detergent and use a stiff brush to scrub it into the concrete.

*Never use a metal-bristle brush.*



## PRO TIP:

To make your concrete floors resistant to **future stains**, apply a concrete sealant. Use a paint roller to apply it to clean, primed concrete. Start in the middle of the area and roll the sealant out to the edges. *Floors need to be resealed every two to three years.*

## DIY CLEANER

Mix flour and hydrogen peroxide into a paste the consistency of peanut butter. Spread it over the stained area. *Let sit overnight.* Then, scrape with a plastic-edged scraper tool.

Mop with warm water mixed with a mild cleaner. *Don't use ammonia, bleach or any highly acidic substance on polished or stamped floors.*



# RUGS

CLEANING TIPS

## WONDERING HOW TO CLEAN A PERSIAN RUG?

Take it to Carpet Tech. Persian rugs are expensive and you don't want to ruin one with a DIY cleaning job.

<http://www.callcarpettech.com/rug-cleaning/>



### PRO TIP:

You can also make your own cleaner by mixing properly diluted dish soap and warm water. Don't use hot water as it could shrink or fade the rug. Test the solution onto a small area of the rug to make sure it won't run the colors.

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# CLEAN

Vacuum the rug on front and back to remove surface dirt and debris. Use the brush attachment or handheld vac to remove pet hair. Take the rug outside and lay flat on a waterproof surface.

*If you're using a store-bought rug shampoo, follow the instructions on mixing and on how to clean a rug.*

