

STAIN REMOVAL **Guide**

PAINT

Water-based Paint:

Rinse fabric in warm water while stains are still wet.

Launder.

Oil-based Paint and Varnish:

Use the same solvent the label on the can advises for a thinner.

If not available, use turpentine.

Rinse.

Pretreat with prewash stain remover, bar soap or laundry detergent.

Rinse and launder.

TAR OR TREE SAP

Scrape residue from fabric.

Place stain facedown on paper towels. Sponge with cleaning fluid. Replace paper towels frequently to absorb more tar and to avoid transferring stains.

Launder in hottest water safe for fabric.

PINE RESIN

Sponge the stained area with a dry-cleaning solvent; let it air-dry.

Soak the stain in a solution of one cup of liquid laundry detergent and a few drops of ammonia (Caution: Never mix chlorine bleach and ammonia - the resulting fumes are hazardous) for at least 30 minutes.

SCORCH

Launder using sodium hypochlorite bleach, if safe for fabric. Or, soak in oxygen bleach and hot water, then launder.

PERFUME

Pretreat with prewash stain remover or liquid laundry detergent.

Launder.

SOFT DRINK

Sponge the stain with cool water or soak it in cool water for about 30 minutes.

Pretreat with a prewash stain remover.

Launder; if safe for the fabric, add chlorine bleach to the wash.

PERSPIRATION

Use a prewash stain remover or rub with bar soap.

Launder using hottest water safe for fabric.

TOBACCO

Dampen stain and rub with bar soap; rinse.

Pretreat or soak in a product containing enzymes.

Launder.

WINE

Sponge the stain with cool water or soak it in cool water for about 30 minutes.

Pretreat with a prewash stain remover.

Launder; if safe for the fabric, add chlorine bleach to the wash.

SHOE POLISH

Liquid Shoe Polish:

Pretreat with a paste of powder detergent and water.

Launder.

Paste Shoe Polish:

Scrape residue from fabric with a dull knife.

Pretreat with a prewash stain remover or cleaning fluid; rinse.

Rub detergent into dampened area.

Launder using a bleach safe for fabric.