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## **CARPET CLEANING TIPS**

Carpets or Fabrics - Emergency Tips for Spills & Stains

First of all.....DON'T PANIC!

Deal with stains as quickly as possible

Do not over wet into backing materials

Always test any detergent on an inconspicuous area of carpet prior to treating a stain

Use detergents at recommended dilution ratios

Scrape up or blot up any excess prior to treatment

Use Kitchen Towel and "Blot" never rub or scrub,

Do not use inappropriate detergents on carpets or upholstery i.e. (washing up liquid, wash powders, household bleach and disinfectants)

Always work from the outside of the stain inward to avoid the stain spreading

Always apply the cleaning fluid to the absorbent spotting material not directly onto the carpet or fabric

Encourage quick drying, use a hairdryer.

Keep the fabric or carpet as dry as possible

If in doubt call the professionals for advice.....We're here to help!



### **Coal Dust**

Coal dust or cinder stains on your carpets? Then sprinkle a little talcum powder over the top, leave for 10 mins and then vacuum it up.....The Talc will absorb the stain and debris leaving your carpet virtually stain free!!

### **Red Wine Stains**

When dealing with any stain, the key is to act immediately. The longer you take to react, the more time the stain has to set into the carpet. Take a damp paper towel or cloth and gently blot the stain. Don't rub, rubbing the stain will either help it to spread or grind it deeper into your carpet. Blot the stain until no more wine comes off onto the towel.

One of the best ways to deal with red wine spillage is with a white wine chaser. That's right. If you spilled your red wine, pour a glass of white over the stain. The white wine actually neutralizes the red wine and the stain disappears magically before your eyes.

If you don't have any white wine on hand, there are other ways to get rid of the stain. Try mixing water and some dishwashing liquid in a spray bottle and lightly spraying the stain. Don't saturate or get the stain too wet, just cover the stain with the dishwashing solution. After the stain is covered, gently blot until the stain is removed.

Or

Mix 1 cup water with 1/2 cup hydrogen peroxide, then add a little bit of soap. Regular dishwashing detergent works, as does soap made for specific materials so use whichever soap is appropriate for the task. Put the solution into a spray bottle and apply it directly to the stain. Watch as the combination of soap and hydrogen peroxide turns the red wine stain clear immediately!