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VINEGAR-Nature’s Miracle?

What other product has 1001 uses?

In the cleaning industry we use vinegar to clean out some of our extraction machines, similar to cleaning out your coffee maker. Vinegar is slightly acidic which allows it to break down and dislodge the built-up residues that accumulate on metal parts. Used sparingly, vinegar won’t damage the internal components of most equipment-thankfully.

We also use white vinegar to help set the dyes in Oriental rugs prior to wet washing. Treating with vinegar stabilizes the naturally dyed wool yarns, allowing us to

fully submerge rugs in a “bath” for complete cleaning. Without the use of this ancient and natural product dyes will more readily bleed during the cleaning process. The acidic nature of vinegar also helps in the soil removal process when combined with our more modern cleaning chemistry.

How can you use white vinegar at home? When you attempt your own spot and spill removal from furnishings made with natural fibers have plenty of vinegar on hand. Spot cleaning cotton upholstery, wool Oriental rugs and wool carpeting will be much more successful-



**Vinegar-
Wools Best Friend-Really!**

ful-you will be able to attempt spot and spill removal by simply applying vinegar to a white terry towel and blotting (be sure to test any cleaning liquid in a hidden area prior to application).

(Con P.2)

Preventing Plant Stains

Plant stains are one of the most difficult and often-impossible problems to remedy for the professional carpet care technician. By plant stains I am referring to the marks left when water, which has filtered through an indoor planter, comes in

contact with either wall to wall carpeting or an area rug. Chemicals that the water often picks up as it is filtered through the potting soil, usually fertilizers, can cause a reaction with the carpet dyes causing permanent color change or loss.

Also, the planters themselves may add to the problem by depositing colored dyes onto the carpeting.

Another aspect of plant stains that does not involve color-altering chemicals but is just as (Con P.2)

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VINEGAR-Nature's Miracle? (cont.)

White vinegar can also be used to apply to a cleaned area as a final topical treatment. After using another product to remove a spot or spill spray white vinegar over the treated area and allow to dry. Vinegar drop the pH of a fiber or textile below 7, to the acidic side of the pH scale-fibers and textiles left in the acidic state are less likely to bleed colors during the drying time.

- Have you heard about vinegar's many other uses?
- Fast relief from skin burns
 - Toenail fungus cure
 - Bug Spray
 - Soothe a sore throat
 - Arthritis relief
 - Removes cooking smells
 - Rinsing clothes

Now you can see why with

all of the modern equipment and detergents we use daily that good old-fashion white vinegar remains in our carpet and rug cleaning tool box.

Questions about spot and spill removal? Please contact our office at 781-995-0683 or message us at:

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Remember to always: Blot, do not rub a delicate fabric-harsh rubbing can damage a fabric



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Preventing Plant Stains (cont.)

dangerous is moisture. When moisture is allowed to sit under a planter for any length of time it will seep through the carpet into the padding where it can sit for several weeks before drying. And if you are conscientious about watering your plants, you may be keeping the area wet indefinitely. This can lead to mold and mildew formation

as well as degradation of the carpet backing and severe damage to sub flooring.

The good news is that there is a very simple method of prevention in these cases. To prevent damage to your carpeting, area rugs and hardwood floors you only need to place a pan under planters. Make sure that the pan is large enough to contain

any accidental over watering. Also check under your plants periodically, if you catch a moisture problem early enough you may be able to prevent permanent carpet damage

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How Often Do You Wash Your Rugs?

How often do you change the oil in your car? Do you have the tires rotated on a somewhat regular basis? Sure you do! What about your lawn? Do you mow it regularly? Do you weed and plant every spring? Do you attend to the minor repairs from the winter frost?

Of course you do!

How about your area rugs? Do you vacuum them every week and have them professionally cleaned every year or every other year? Why not? For the same reason that you spend the money to maintain the car or the lawn, proper maintenance of your area rugs will ensure a long life for them. In some cases you will be maintaining and preserv-

ing a family heirloom. Efficient soil removal is an essential part of protecting your rugs from excessive wear. Most Oriental area rugs will last several generations if properly cleaned.

Regal Fabric Care will also be able to spot clean and repair minor problems before they become large problems-including concerns such as a worn fringe which may eventually erode and unravel, small holes which may become larger holes, moth damage or infestation which is sometimes easy to overlook but could spread to other textiles in your home and impacted soils which can be costly to remove if left untreated for an extended period of time.

What can you do between professional cleanings?

- Rotate your Oriental rugs every year-helps even out wear.
- Spot clean liquid spills quickly-need help? Just give us a call for tips and advice-all at no charge!
- Vacuum your rugs at least weekly-more often if you have pets or family members who may track in soils or spill drinks and food!

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