

RESIDENTIAL
STAIN & ODOR
GUIDE



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EVEN COMMON STAINS LIKE **BEER**,
KETCHUP, AND **CRAYONS** CAN BE
DIFFICULT TO REMOVE.

Here, we have listed helpful tips on how to deal with a variety of stains. Remember, the only way to guarantee complete stain and odor removal is to call the professionals at Rainbow International®.

These are common techniques to remove common stains. *Rainbow International* does not endorse any of these techniques and does not guarantee nor accept any responsibility for their success. Use them only if you are willing to accept full responsibility for their impact. For best results, contact your local *Rainbow International* for professional cleaning and stain removal.

CLEANING AGENTS AND TOOLS YOU NEED ON HAND:

- Enzyme detergent
- Ammonia: 1 part to 3 parts water
- Neutral detergent: 1 tablespoon laundry detergent to 1 pint of water
- Solvent cleaner: De-Solve-It
- White vinegar: 1 part vinegar to 3 parts water or 50/50
- A small brush for removing spots: do not rub spot too hard or distortion of carpet will occur
- Blotting material: sponge and solid white paper towel



STAINS



Don't rub the stain or scrub at the stain as this could cause the stain to be driven further into the carpet or fabric. Try blotting at the stain with a cleaning solution from the outside in. Never start in the middle as this could cause the stain to spread.

Always spot check your cleaning solution before use. Most cleaning solutions are safe to use on carpets and fabrics but some fabrics may not be colorfast and some cleaning solutions may cause colors to bleed.

While most stains can be removed or cleaned by the individual a lot of stains require professional cleaning. If these stain removal tips fail, than the last thing you should do is attempt more severe methods as this can be damaging to the material. Rainbow International® has the products and the experience to treat even the most difficult stains and spots.

COMMON STAINS & HOW



BLOOD

Apply a cool solution of enzyme detergent with a sponge. Allow ten minutes for the solution to work. Blot with cool water and white paper towel.



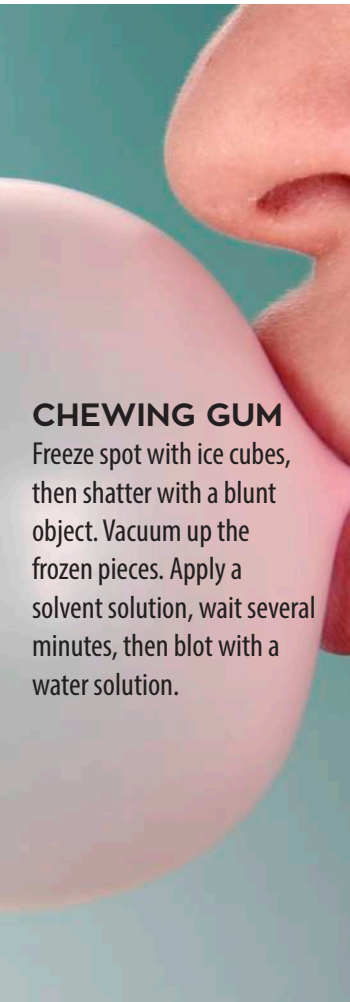
CANDLE WAX

Scrape excess wax with a dull knife. Lay a white paper towel over the wax and with a blow dryer, blow hot air on the towel. The heat will melt the wax and the towel will absorb. Clean with solvent solution if spot remains.



CANDY

Apply detergent solution then blot with water. If spot remains, apply vinegar, then blot with water.



CHEWING GUM

Freeze spot with ice cubes, then shatter with a blunt object. Vacuum up the frozen pieces. Apply a solvent solution, wait several minutes, then blot with a water solution.



CHOCOLATE

Apply a cool solution of enzyme detergent with a sponge. Allow ten minutes for the solution to work. Blot with cool water and a white paper towel.



CIGARETTE BURNS

Can be partially remedied by clipping off the blackened ends with sharp scissors, then working in detergent solution and blotting with water.

HOW TO REMOVE THEM



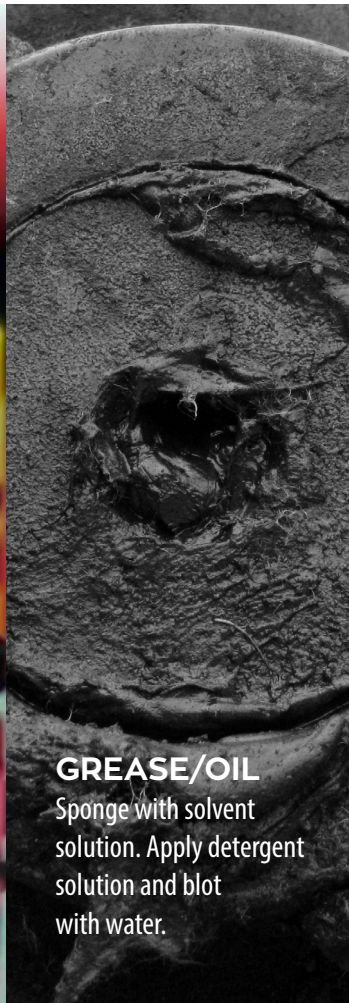
SOFT DRINKS/ COFFEE/TEA

Sponge immediately with cool water. Apply a detergent solution and blot with water.



CRAYONS

Remove as much as possible by breaking loose with a blunt object, then vacuum out. Apply a small amount of solvent cleaner, then blot the crayon with white paper towel. If spot persists, apply a neutral detergent solution and blot.



GREASE/OIL

Sponge with solvent solution. Apply detergent solution and blot with water.



GLUE (ELMER'S)

Blot with warm water. Sponge with detergent solution. If stain persists, treat with a solvent cleaning solution and blot with water.



LIPSTICK

Apply a solvent solution to a sponge and blot lightly, then blot with water.



MUD

Let dry, then brush. Rinse repeatedly with cool water.

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ICE CREAM

Sponge freely with cool water. Apply detergent solution and blot with water.



PAINT

Sponge with solvent. Blot with water. Apply detergent solution and blot with water.



WINE

Apply detergent solution and blot. If stain persists, apply an ammonia solution, then blot. If stain persists, apply a vinegar solution, then blot with water.



SHOE POLISH

Sponge and blot immediately. If stain persists, call your Rainbow International® specialist.



INK

Apply a solvent solution to a sponge and blot lightly to keep ink from spreading. Blot with water.



MILK

Apply a cool solution of enzyme detergent with a sponge. Allow ten minutes for the solution to work. Blot with cool water and a white paper towel.



MUSTARD

Apply a detergent solution. Blot with water. It is probable that some stain will remain. Mustard is difficult to remove from carpets.

KETCHUP

Apply a detergent solution mixed with cool water. Then blot with water. If a spot remains, apply an ammonia solution and blot with water.

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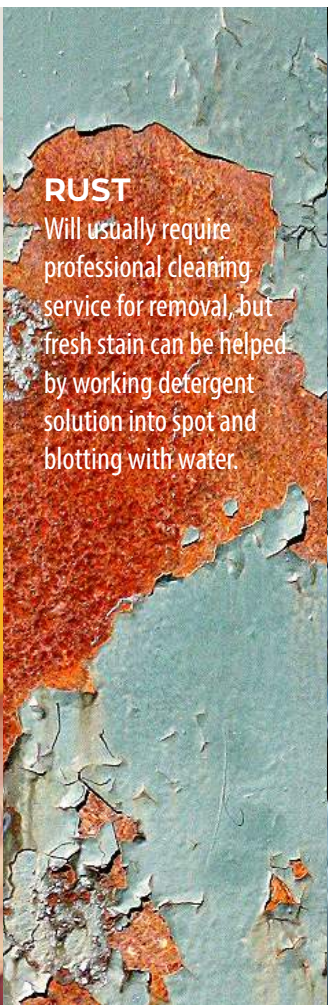


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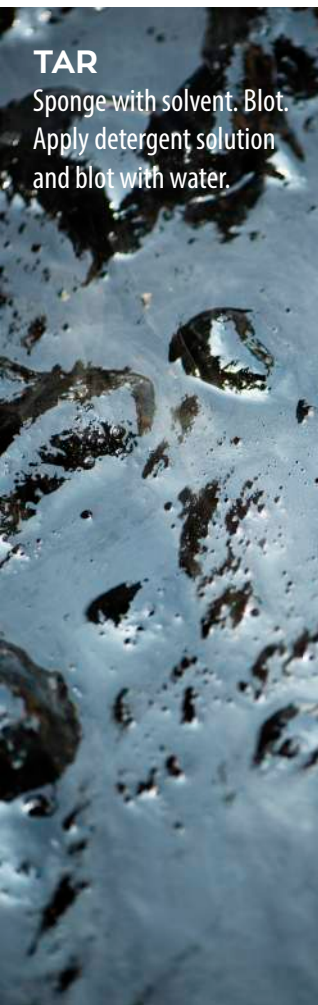
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FRUIT JUICE
Sponge immediately with cool water. Apply a detergent solution and blot with water. Apply an ammonia solution, agitate, then blot with water.



RUST
Will usually require professional cleaning service for removal, but fresh stain can be helped by working detergent solution into spot and blotting with water.



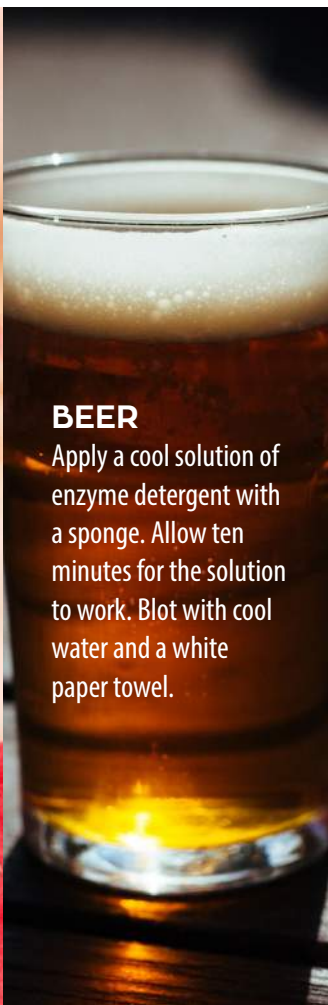
TAR
Sponge with solvent. Blot. Apply detergent solution and blot with water.



URINE
Sponge with cool water. Apply enzyme detergent into stain and blot with water. Apply vinegar solution and blot with water.



VOMIT
Sponge with cool water. Apply enzyme detergent solution and let stand for ten minutes. Blot with water.

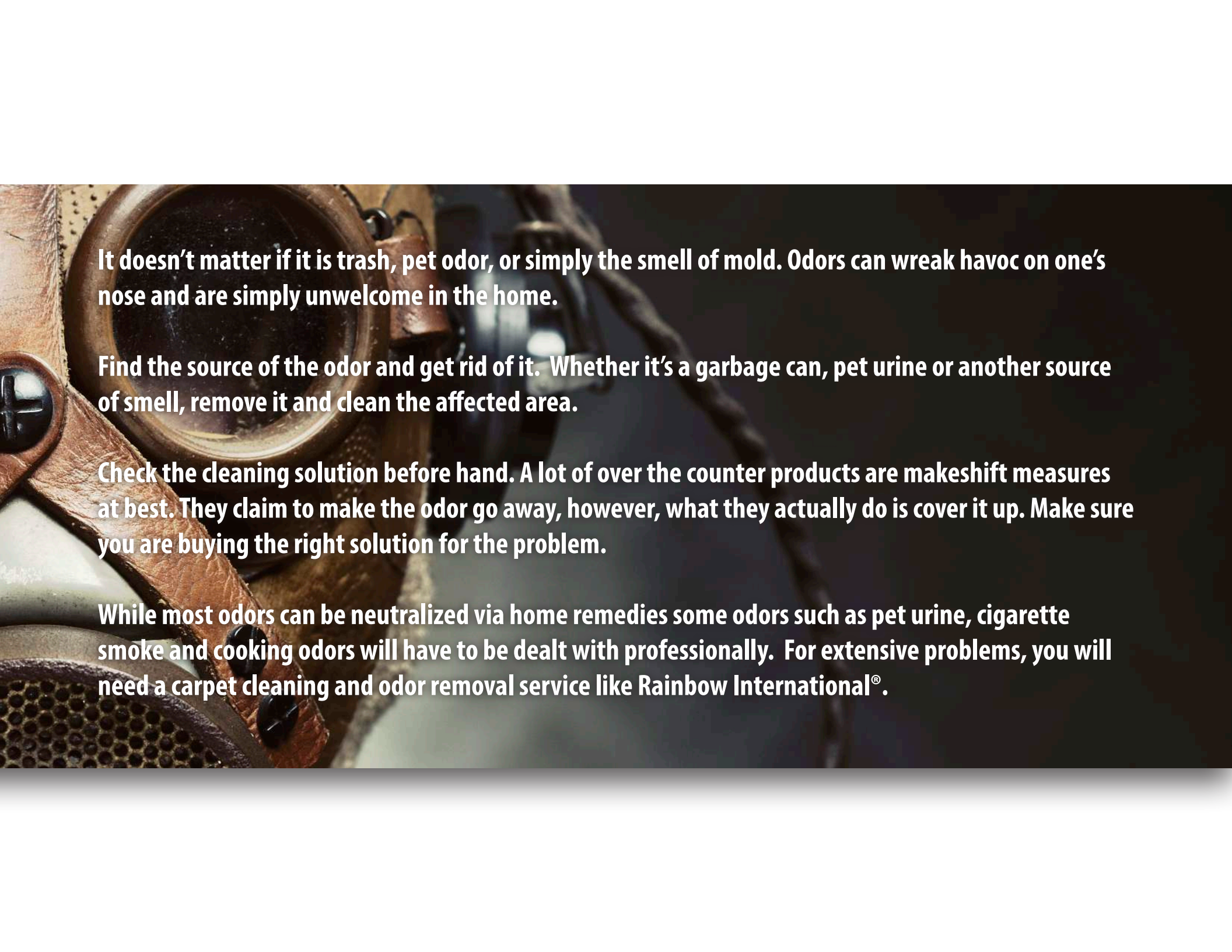


BEER
Apply a cool solution of enzyme detergent with a sponge. Allow ten minutes for the solution to work. Blot with cool water and a white paper towel.

SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU.

ODDORS





It doesn't matter if it is trash, pet odor, or simply the smell of mold. Odors can wreak havoc on one's nose and are simply unwelcome in the home.

Find the source of the odor and get rid of it. Whether it's a garbage can, pet urine or another source of smell, remove it and clean the affected area.

Check the cleaning solution before hand. A lot of over the counter products are makeshift measures at best. They claim to make the odor go away, however, what they actually do is cover it up. Make sure you are buying the right solution for the problem.

While most odors can be neutralized via home remedies some odors such as pet urine, cigarette smoke and cooking odors will have to be dealt with professionally. For extensive problems, you will need a carpet cleaning and odor removal service like Rainbow International®.

COMMON **ODORS** & HO



GENERAL ODORS

Clean the affected area.
Use 50/50 mixture
water and white vinegar
solution and go over
the surface that needs
cleaned and let dry.

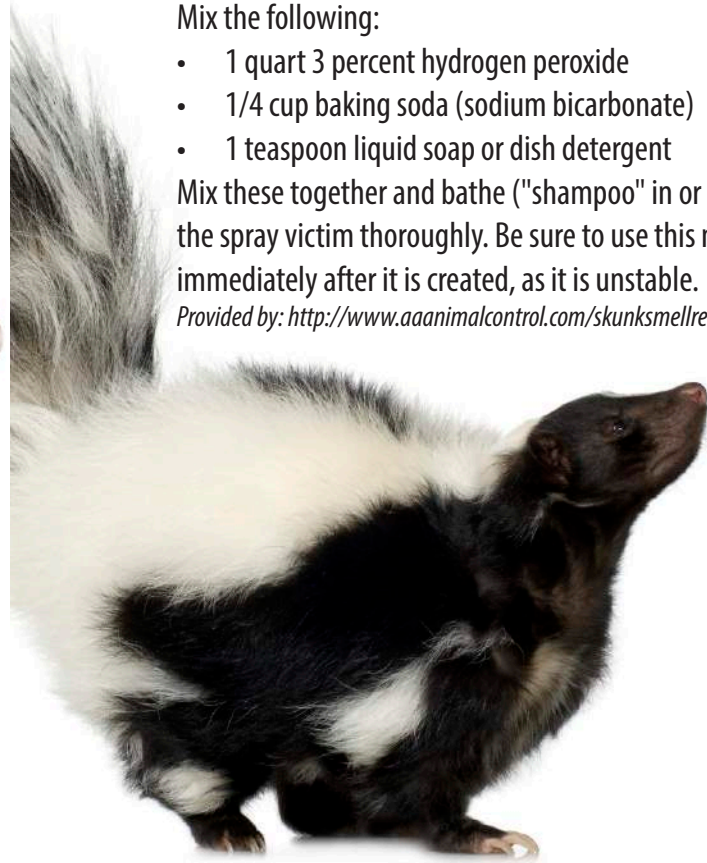
SKUNK ODOR

Mix the following:

- 1 quart 3 percent hydrogen peroxide
- 1/4 cup baking soda (sodium bicarbonate)
- 1 teaspoon liquid soap or dish detergent

Mix these together and bathe ("shampoo" in or rub down) the spray victim thoroughly. Be sure to use this mixture immediately after it is created, as it is unstable.

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SMOKE ODOR

Use Baking Soda as a natural s
Sprinkle the backing soda over
8-12hrs and then vacuum up t

HOW TO REMOVE THEM



Smoke odor removal technique.
For the affected area and let sit for
the remnants.



PET URINE ODOR

Blot the stain until you have gotten most of the liquid removed from the affected area. Remember do not rub as this will spread and drive the urine deeper into the fabric or carpet. Then use a 50/50 mixture of white vinegar and water on the area blotting as you apply. Thoroughly dry the area after applying the cleaning mixture. If the odor still exists sprinkle baking soda over the area and vacuum up after several hours.



SINK & GARBAGE DISPOSAL ODOR

Remove any clog that may be causing the odor first by using a chemical clog removal or other method. Use frozen white vinegar ice cubs and run those through the disposal. Another method to use is pouring a cup of baking soda down the drain; let it sit for a few hours then rinse with hot water. To freshen up the sink run citrus peels through the garbage disposal.



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