

Tips on Stain Removal

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Do you have articles of clothing which you have cast aside because you did not know how to remove a lipstick, fruit, grease or some other stain? If so, perhaps these tips on stain removal will be helpful to you.

There are several important points to remember before actually treating a stain. First of all, try to determine just what kind of fabric is stained. Treat the stain as soon as possible before it has time to set.

Avoid using hot water on an unknown stain because it will set many stains. Also, avoid using chlorine bleach on silk, wool, or acetate.

It is wise to keep on hand some general stain removal supplies which are available at drug or grocery stores. These include absorbents such as blotters, cornmeal, and cornstarch; bleaches such as chlorine bleach, sodium perborate, and hydrogen peroxide; and solvents such as acetone, glycerine, and drycleaning fluid.

Here are some specific stains and how to remove them:

1. Berries & Fruits—(White cotton & linen)—Pour boiling wa-

ter from a height of 2 or 3 feet through stain. Then use diluted bleach. (Other Washables)—Sponge or soak in cool water. Then wash. Ice water is good if applied at once.

2. Grease & Oil—(White cotton & Linen)—Remove excess with dull knife. Sponge with safe dry cleaning fluid. Launder in hot detergent water. Remove remaining stain by bleaching. (Other Washables)—Sponge with a safe dry cleaning fluid. Launder in warm detergent water.

3. Grass—(White Cotton & Linen)—Rub with lard or oil & wash in hot suds. (Other Washables)—Wash in lukewarm suds. Treat stubborn stains with diluted alcohol.

4. Chewing Gum—(White Cotton & Linen & Other Washables)—Rub with piece of ice. Scrape off as much gum as possible. If stain persists, sponge with carbon tetrachloride or other solvent.

5. Mildew—(White Cotton & Linen)—Wash in hot detergent solution, moisten with lemon juice and salt (not iodized) and dry in sun. If stain is old, bleach with hydrogen peroxide. Rinse well. (Other Washables)—Wash in warm detergent solution. Old stains are difficult to remove.

For additional information, call or write Mrs. Shirley Blanks, Carolina Power & Light Company in Raleigh, or your local office.

Planting Azaleas Here's How

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Beware of deep planting of azaleas. Planting too deep can cause plants to be unhealthy and, eventually, cause death of the plant. Death is generally very slow. In fact, it usually takes 6 months to a year and a half to cause complete death of a newly-set plant.

Even after azalea plants are set at the proper depth, a special caution would be in order to avoid over application of tight mulches, such as peat and sawdust or even leaf mold. These materials can restrict earth movement and will usually cause a pile of excess soil over the shallow root system. Where heavy mulching is practiced, plants may need to be lifted several inches every 4 to 6 years due to this pile up of soil.

Symptoms from deep planting usually are such things as pale leaf color, lack of growth, chlorosis, and even dying of small

limbs throughout the plant.

Plant a bed several inches above the surrounding soil level and set azalea plants with at least 1/3 of the bald or root zone area above the bed level. Then, pull soil up over the top 1/3 edge of the root zone. Pack and mulch and keep a plentiful supply of leaves. This is the recipe for successful azalea culture.

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