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Carpet & Upholstery URINE Cleaning Primer



It's Summer and Your Room Smells Like URINE. You've probably got an innundation condition. Acid solutions will help neutralize it quickly (odors) ! You will need to <u>add the following 3 spotters</u> to your kit:
1) <u>White cider-vinegar</u> (acid neutralizer-spotter) solution mix of water and vinegar 50% each. Apply till urine odor changes to vinegar.
2) <u>Enzyme spotter</u> which will digest proteins from urine, blood and/or vomit. Enzymes are more difficult to find in the supermarket, but should be in the laundry detergent section, when available.



3) <u>Baking Soda</u> Container – powder on, allow to dry, and then vacuum thoroughly with crevice tool.

What is different about spotting urine?

- Spots are usually larger, and more numerous than believed in size and quantity.
- Spots are typically tougher to remove from textiles, especially thick and dense cotton fabrics in the furniture, and staining (permanent damage) is common for them.
- Reappearance of spot is common, and explainable (usually due to the volume).
- Thoroughly removing them is not always possible but a minimum-reside condition is obtainable.
- Extended cleaning times (multiple sessions) are usually required to see satisfying results.

Facts to keep in mind:

- 1. Urine is deposited initially as an alkaline and becomes acidic (uric acid) after evaporation.
- 2. The salts in uric acid are always sensitive to moisture and therefore always test positive with a moisture probe. This is why the urine smell is so pungent on high humidity days.
- 3. **Fabric Protection** is an important measure to improve the likelihood of removal without permanent damage or odors.
- 4. Older animals usually have weaker organs resulting in stronger urine, and male species urine is usually stronger than female.
- 5. Feline urine spots are typically the most difficult to remove or deodorize.

<u>Procedure to assist a technician</u> coming out to spot clean for you in this scenario:

- Blot as soon as noticed with a dry towel as much urine as is possible. If already dry to touch, proceed to the next step.
- Over-spray with pretested spotter of vinegar noted above. Apply generously, but layered over several application times to dilute only affected areas.
- Immediately blot up with a dry towel, and use multiple towels to extract as much as possible. Use of a hair dryer will speed up the process, but figure on 30 to 60 minutes for effective evaporation time.
- Apply an alkaline detergent spotter, and blot with towels as above.
- Observe if any discoloration returns as drying is done. Also check for odor. Both should decrease with each cleaning. Doing this procedure saves time and decreases the technician's in-home time requirements and enables more concentration on completion of stain and/or odor removal. Remember to continue to towel-absorb as drying takes place if using a dryer; if not, leave the towel on surface of fabric to dry with a non-porous weight to increase contact area.