



FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Winning the war against dirt • grime • stains • frays • odors • filth • spills • mud • tracks • floods • leaks • mold • allergies • mites

Guilty! (but it will be OK)

DID YOU KNOW that the devastation of spilling something like grape juice, Kool-Aid and other fruit drinks doesn't have to be that... devastating?

So you have kids, grandkids, or some other kids come over, and they want something to drink. They surely don't want water from the tap. That's pretty boring stuff. They want something fruity, sweet, and with *lots* of color. Like deep blues, or reds. You know, the stuff that can really stain a carpet or piece of furniture.

And the inevitable occurs. The kids enjoy what you give them, but after all, they are *kids*. So something gets spilled. For some weird reason, this never happens on a hard, tile floor. It happens right on the carpet.

What to do?

Step #1: First of all, don't panic. Gather your senses and realize this isn't the end of the world.

Step #2: Start blotting. You want to use white cotton or paper towels, with no print or dyes, and blot – blot – blot! Most of any spotting or staining substance will come right out because the towel you are using is more absorbent than the carpet the drink was spilled on.

Step #3: It may be appropriate, with some coaching from your carpet cleaning pro, to do some spotting. Use a spotting product, like a mild neutral detergent spotter, recommended by your carpet pro. Apply a small amount to the spot and keep blotting. *Never* scrub. Scrubbing can damage the carpet fibers and you can't fix that. Keep blotting.

Step #4: Did we say keep blotting? Keep it up! You may need to apply more approved mild detergent spotter. One thing you do *not* want to do is apply too much moisture, as that gets into the backing of the carpet and into the padding, creating additional problems.

Step #5: Once the spot is gone, it's time to dry the carpet. How to do this? Keep blotting, of course! But also aim a fan on the spot and let the air current remove more moisture.

Is the spot still there? It may be a stain, very tough to remove. It is definitely now time to call your carpet cleaning pro!

Best case scenario: When anything happens, like spilling grape juice, red wine, mustard or other tough-to-remove substances, call your carpet and furniture cleaning professional. He has what it takes to get the job done right the first time.

"If a Dust Mite Applied to a Dating Service"



High School Photo

REAL NAME	Dermatophagoides farinae Hughes (also goes by 'Dusty', the 'Duster' and sometimes... 'the Miteman')
FAVORITE FOOD	Late night snacks of human dander. Also fond of animal skin flakes.
HANGOUTS	Old pillows along with 100k to 10 million of my buddies. Plus mattresses, carpets, chairs...just anyplace humans touch.
LOVES	Human sneezing fits. Watery eyes and runny noses.
MAKES ME LAUGH	Warm and moist places on a moonlit night. Or any other time.
BIGGEST GOAL	Single handily cause a nasal polyp to grow in a human nose.
JUST HATES	Allergy proofing specialists, carpet and upholstery cleaners and other heartless terrorists to us dust mites.
LIKE TO MEET	Unattached she-mite with eight hairy (and shapely) legs, no eyes or antennae. Fearsomely attractive but invisible to the naked eye.

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OIL ON CONCRETE

According to some experts you can remove oil spilled on your driveway by sprinkling some powdered concrete on the oil. Wait until the powder absorbs the oil, then wash with some dish soap and spray it all away with a water hose.

The single easiest way to cut your house cleaning time in half?

REDUCE CLUTTER!

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