

## Let Them Stain, Let Them Stain, Let Them Stain

(NAPSA)—After the halls have been decked and the eggnog has been drunk, the presents under the tree are not all you are left with. Around this time, a gift many people can use is a batch of stain removal tips.

The Whirlpool Institute of Fabric Science offers these 12 tips for dashing through the stains:

- **12 Coffees Spilling**—Sponge or rinse stain promptly in cold water. Pretreat with liquid laundry detergent, launder using bleach that is safe for the fabric. Wash in the hottest water safe for the fabric.

- **11 Candy Canes Crumbling**—Rinse in warm water to dilute the stain. Wash in warm to hot water and dry as usual.

- **10 Eggnogs Splashing**—Rinse in cold water to dilute the stain. Soak up to 30 minutes with detergent, weighted with a towel to keep submerged. Wash in warm to hot water and air dry.

- **9 Lipsticks Smudging**—Scrape fabric stain with a dull knife. Use a dry-cleaning solvent or pretreat with detergent. Wash in warm water. Air dry.

- **8 Greasy Droppings**—Gently scrape off excess solids with a dull knife. Apply a small amount of liquid dish detergent to the underside of the soiled area, to break up the grease. Machine wash in the warmest water that the care label permits; if the stain still appears, repeat the process, as the toughest stains may require a little extra persistence.

- **7 Candles Dripping**—Scrape off the excess wax with a dull knife. Place the stain between paper towels and press with a warm iron from the back of the fabric. When all wax has been removed and ironed out, treat stain with a pretreatment solution or soak in detergent with the warmest water possible. Launder as usual.

- **6 Chocolates Melting**—Pretreat with a liquid laundry detergent or soak fabric in warm water and a detergent that contains enzymes. Difficult stains may require using bleach that is safe for the fabric.

- **5 Fruits a-Flinging**—Carefully



**With all the celebrations happening throughout the holiday season, stains happen.**

remove any surface solids with a dull knife. Try to immediately spot-treat the affected area by rinsing with cold water to remove excess sugars. Apply a small amount of detergent directly on the stain before washing in the warmest water that is safe for the fabric. Add liquid-chlorine bleach or color-safe bleach to the wash five minutes into the wash cycle, after the detergent has done its job.

- **4 Salsas Sliding**—Scrape off any excess salsa with a spoon or dull knife. Soak fabric in cold water and wash in the warmest water possible for that fabric.

- **3 Wines Wobbling**—Sprinkle salt on the stain as soon as possible to draw wine out of the fibers. Blot fabric with a solution of mild detergent and warm water. Then blot fabric with a mix of one-third cup of white vinegar with two-thirds cup of water. Repeat and sponge with clean water.

- **2 Sweaty Santas**—To remove antiperspirant, place the stain face down on a paper towel. Sponge the back of the stain with a dry cleaning solvent. Let dry and rinse off. Rub on a paste of granular laundry detergent and water. Wash in the hottest water safe for the fabric.

- **And a sap drip from a pine tree**—Use a dry cleaning solvent and then wash in warm to hot water. Repeat if necessary.

Season's Eatings—and to all a good night!