

# Hints For The Home



## Stain-Fighting Secrets

(NAPSA)—Here are five suggestions on how to treat such spills as grape juice, jelly, fruit punch and ketchup, which are likely to occur when youngsters are home from school.

1. Use a general-purpose spotter that is available at the grocery or carpet retailer.



**Don't cry over spilled milk or juice or many other kinds of stains. Instead, heed a few hints on keeping carpet clean.**

2. Agitate (compress, rub gently or distribute chemical evenly), then blot. Continue blotting until the stain no longer transfers to your cloth or until the stain disappears.

3. If necessary, reapply cleaning chemical evenly, agitate and blot again.

4. Rinse with warm water or flush with a personal extractor such as a carpet-cleaning machine with water-only rinse setting.

5. Dry the spot with a hair dryer or fan.

If the stain remains or if carpet color is lost, it may be time to hire an Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification professional. To locate an IICRC certified firm, call (800) 835-4624 or visit [www.CertifiedCleaners.org](http://www.CertifiedCleaners.org).