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Linen Care

This time of year often brings challenges in getting stains out of our linens and clothing. Here are a few tips to help you keep everything looking fresh and new while enjoying the holiday season!

<i>STAIN</i>	<i>PRE-TREATMENT</i>	<i>WASH</i>
Candle Wax	Chill with ice; scrape off as much as possible. Iron wax stain between two layers of paper towels. Change towels as they absorb the wax.	Launder in warm, soapy water.
Catsup or Tomato Sauce	Soak for 10 minutes in cool water. Sponge with liquid dish detergent. Rinse thoroughly.	Launder in warm, soapy water.
Chocolate	Rinse for 10 minutes in cool water. Apply an enzyme pre-soak stain remover. Let sit 30 minutes. Rinse thoroughly.	Launder in warm, soapy water.
Coffee or Tea	Sponge immediately with cool water. Stretch over a bowl and pour boiling water from high above the fabric. Blot with a vinegar-soaked cloth. Rinse thoroughly.	Launder in warm, soapy water.
Fruit or Berries	Caution: Soap will set stain. Do not apply soap. Rinse with cool water. Soak for 30 minutes in enzyme pre-wash stain remover. (For old stains, sponge with white vinegar.) Rinse thoroughly.	Launder in cold water. If stain persists, launder in a light solution of chlorine bleach and water.
Gravy	Soak in baking soda and cold water for 15 minutes. Sponge with white vinegar and soak in cold water with mild detergent for 30 minutes. If stain persists, use an enzyme pre-wash stain remover. Rinse thoroughly.	Launder in warm, soapy water.
Lipstick	Blot with dry-cleaning solvent, holding a paper towel or other absorbent disposable material behind the stain. Continue until color is removed. Rinse thoroughly. Sponge with liquid dish detergent until stain is gone. Rinse thoroughly.	Launder in warm, soapy water.
Mustard	Work liquid dish detergent and a few drops of vinegar into the stain. Rinse thoroughly. If stain remains, apply a 3% solution of hydrogen peroxide. Rinse thoroughly.	Launder in warm, soapy water.
Red Wine	Caution: Soap will set stain. Do not apply soap. Sprinkle stain generously with table salt. Let salt absorb the stain. Sponge with cool water and club soda. Rinse thoroughly.	Launder in warm, soapy water.
Soft Drinks	Soak in warm water, detergent, and a few drops of white vinegar for 30 minutes. Rinse thoroughly.	Launder in warm, soapy water.
Rust	Treat area with lemon juice and salt. Do not use chlorine bleach - it will set the stain. Or use a commercial rust remover, following manufacture's instructions. Rinse thoroughly.	Wash in warm water with mild detergent.

General Care Tips

- * Always test a small hidden section of fabric before applying a detergent or solvent to the surface.
- * Never wash colors with white.
- * Wash in warm water and tumble dry on medium to light heat.
- * Always pre-treat stains.
- * Store napkins flat or folded in fourths.
- * Hang tablecloths on large coat hangers.

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