

## Washing and stain removal

Before the washing machine was invented, people did not wash whole garments and textiles as much as we do today. More effort were given to the removal of stains. If you are careful about your textiles, you may still use this methods today. It decrease the usage of detergent as well as energy and therefore it's friendly to the environment. The best stain removers, might even be at hand already.

White textiles may be put in cold water over night. Next day you may rub a little on the stains before washing them.

Below we have listed useful tricks to different kind of stains.

- **Blood:** Wet with cold water and poor salt onto the stain. Wash with cold water, if needed with soft soap/soap.
- **Ink:** Wash in lemon- or rhubarb syrup. Sour milk is another alternative. Rinse in soap water. The stain may be softened up in glycerine.
- **Cigarette and ironing stains:** Put a porridge of salt and water on the stain one to five hours.
- **Berry:** Dip the textile in boiling water, boiling milk or water with some vinegar inside. Older stains fade in sunlight. Wet now and then with some lemon juice.
- **Chocolate:** Wash in cold water or rub in soft soap or milk.
- **Grease:** Sprinkle warm potato flour onto the stain and leave it overnight. Then brush of the flour and wash the whole garment in soap water. Stains of grease on leather are rubbed with egg white and are left to dry in the sun.
- **Coffee:** New stains are washed in water. Older stains on white textiles are dipped in boiling water, coloured textiles are washed with milk. The stain may be softened up in glycerine.
- **Milk:** Delicate textiles are washed in cold water, otherwise soap water.
- **Mould:** Put the textile into sour milk, possibly together with some pieces of horseradish for two whole days.
- **Oil:** Rub the stain with butter and wash in lukewarm soap water.
- **Rust:** Wet the stain, poor some lemon juice onto it and iron with a warm iron. Afterwards wash the garment.
- **Candle wax:** Brake of the stiff candle wax, press with a warm iron on kitchen paper directly on the stain. Post treatment; see grease.
- **Tea- and sweat stains:** Dip in boiling water or wash with milk.
- **Tar:** Rub in butter, cooking oil, yolk or vaseline. Wash with soft soap and hot water.
- **Wine:** Stains of red wine are sprinkled with salt and then washed. Other stains of wine are disolved in cold water or boiling milk.
- **Egg:** Put into cold water.
- **Beer:** The stain are treated with soap water or pure aquavit.

