



STAIN GUIDE

Stain	Appearance	Cleaning Products and Procedures
Asphalt	Black	Apply ice until hard and scrape off surface layer. Scrub with Stonescape All Purpose Cleaner and stiff brush to remove
Caulking	Brown	Denatured alcohol – let dry and scrape off
Chewing gum	Varies	Harden with ice and scrape off. Scrub with stiff brush and Stonescape All Purpose Cleaner to remove excess.
Efflorescence	White	Mix one part Stonescape Efflorescence, remove with 4 parts water. Allow 2-3 minutes to work. Scrub with stiff brush and rinse thoroughly.
Grease, Lubricating Oil, Petroleum	Black	Use Stonescape All Purpose Cleaner – allow 2 minutes to work, scrub with stiff brush.
Ketchup/mustard	Red/Yellow	Hot water and detergent. If saturated, use Stonescape All Purpose Cleaner. Scrub with stiff brush and rinse.
Leaf Stains	Brown	Stonescape Efflorescence Remover – mix 1 part to 4 parts water. Scrub with stiff brush and rinse thoroughly.
Mortar Stains	Grey	Stonescape Efflorescence Remover – mix 1 part to 4 parts water. Scrub with stiff brush and rinse thoroughly.
Moss	Green/Brown	Ammonium Sulfonate (certain weed killers have suitable substitutes if not available at local garden center) or Household bleach – use full strength. Allow to dry and then rinse thoroughly. Test area first. (may affect color)
Paint	Varies	Wet – do not use paint thinners since they increase penetration. Absorb with soft cloth or paper towel followed by vigorous scrubbing. Dry – can be removed by most paint thinners. Methylene dichloride-based are preferred. Acidic acid paint removers are not recommended since they will etch the surface. Apply remover for 20-30 minutes. Gently scrub to loosen film. Wash with water. Remaining residue can be scrubbed with cleanser or washed out with diluted hydrochloric or phosphoric acid. Note: for shellac stains, the paint remover is replaced with alcohol.
Tar	Black	Benzene – stir into paste and apply to stain. Let dry as needed then scrape off. Use Stonescape All Purpose Cleaner and scrub with brush. Rinse and repeat if necessary.

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