

HOW TO CLEAN LAUNDRY

stained with discoloured water



The staining is caused by harmless deposits of iron and manganese and is best removed with an acid based cleaning agent.

WHAT TO DO

The staining of your laundry from discoloured water is due to particles of sediment lodged in the fabric.

Keep stained laundry immersed in water as the stain will become permanent if the laundry is allowed to dry.

DO NOT USE BLEACHING AGENTS they will make the stain worse.

There are several commercial rust removers that are available in the supermarket that work quite well or you can



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ABOUT CITRIC ACID

Citric acid is classified as a hazardous but non dangerous good. It is commonly used as a weak acid in foods and beverages and can be purchased in supermarkets however this product should not be consumed.

Keep it away from children as the powders can cause irritation if they come into contact with skin or eyes or if they are accidentally swallowed.

Always wear rubber gloves when using the powder and avoid splashing the solution.

Citric Acid can be used to treat stained coloured and white laundry.



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USING CITRIC ACID

- 1 Separate colours from whites and treat separately
- 2 Dissolve contents of one 50ml container in a 10 litre bucket of water
- 3 Soak clothes in the solution for 2 to 12 hours or until stains are removed
- 4 With gloves on, agitate clothes and rub stains regularly to get the best results
- 5 Rinse in clear water and rewash as normal

HOW TO DISPOSE OF THE SOLUTION

When finished, dilute with more water and flush down the drain while running the tap. Rinse clothes in fresh water to remove any residue and wash again as normal to remove any remaining dirt etc. Repeat the soaking procedure if necessary.

Note: The powders only work on stains caused by the discoloured water and will not remove other stains such as grease, blood or food items.

If poisoning occurs please ring the Poisons Information Centre 24 hour hotline on 13 11 26

FIRST AID MEASURES

HAZARD	EFFECT	FIRST AID
Product in eye	Irritation	Wash eye immediately with running water for 10 minutes. Seek medical attention if irritation develops.
Product on skin	Mild Irritation	Wash affected areas. Seek medical attention if irritation develops.
Product inhaled	Irritation	Wash around nose thoroughly with water, if effects persist seek medical attention.
Product swallowed	May irritate mouth or throat	Wash mouth with water and drink water or milk. If effects persist, seek medical attention

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