

How to clean cat urine soiled areas



Many products are available for cleaning areas affected by house-soiling. Urine will fluoresce in the dark under ultraviolet light. Use a black light from a poster store to find soiled areas. Clean affected areas with a good quality urine odour and stain remover according to the type of surface that the cat has soiled.

Cat urine contains proteins and fats which are both associated with the smell, even if we can't detect it – your cat can!

Test products on an inconspicuous area first.

Always ensure that you clean a sufficiently large area to remove the odour – this may be up to three times the diameter of a fresh wet patch or stain.

1 Carpets: Chemical, bacterial-based and enzyme-based cleaners can all be effective when used as directed.

Alternatively –

STEP 1 -scrub the area with a 10% solution of biological washing powder (enzyme-based laundry detergent) to remove the protein content of urine

STEP 2 – rinse with detergent away by scrubbing with water only

STEP 3 - allow area to dry then spray with isopropyl alcohol (eg surgical spirit) to remove the fat component.

You may need to pull the carpet up for several days and treat the subflooring/underlay again using either a specifically designated cleaner or both the washing powder and isopropyl alcohol. If the padding under the carpet is soiled, cut out the affected area and replace with new padding.

Use a concrete sealer if appropriate or a polyurethane or other sealant product if there is wood subflooring/underlay. Treat the back of the carpet with urine odour remover and tack the carpet back down.

2 Concrete: If allowed in your area, use a sodium hypochlorite bleach (1 tablespoon per gallon of water) to wash a concrete floor. Make sure the area is well ventilated, and eyes and hands are protected. Avoid all ammonia-containing cleaners.

3 **Wooden baseboards/skirting boards:** Use a wood soap then seal the edge of the board to the wall with a silicone sealer.

4 **Walls:** Use a product designed for urine and stain removal.

5 **Bedding:** Launder in washing machine using your usual soap or detergent; add a peroxide-based bleaching agent, if available.

6 **Upholstery:** Use products designed for these materials; for example, fabric or leather cleaners.