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****As with any product that you would put on your carpet, flooring or furniture, please test for colorfastness. To test for colorfastness, mix a small amount of the solution and place on a hidden area of your carpet. Wait 24 hours or until carpet is dry before proceeding to full treatment.****

****We recommend extreme caution when treating fine fabrics and upholstery. You must be **extra** careful in checking for colorfastness. Do not skip this step, thinking, "Oh, I'm sure it will be fine!" It may not! You **must** test a hidden area and wait 24 hours before proceeding to a full treatment.****

ODOR REMOVER

- 16 oz. (2 cups) hydrogen peroxide
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 2 small drops liquid dishwashing soap (Dawn, Palmolive, etc.)

Place all ingredients in a glass jar or bowl. Gently stir--do not beat or shake--until baking soda is dissolved.

If urine is fresh, be sure to blot up any excess urine with dry paper towels or a dry washcloth before the next step.

Pour mixture over urine spot, making sure to cover the *entire* spot. Allow mixture to completely soak the area being treated. Do not rub or scrub! Let sit for 24 hours without disturbing.

After 24 hours, take clean paper towels or a clean, white washcloth and blot up any remaining liquid (Again, do not rub or scrub.).

Allow area to air dry completely. If you are treating carpet, you can vacuum over the area when dry.

Makes 16 oz. (2 cups) of solution.

GENERAL TIPS

- The strength of hydrogen peroxide required for the recipe is the 3% solution. This strength is what is commonly found at pharmacies, discount stores and grocery stores.
- The solution is most effective within one hour of mixing, but you can keep a batch of solution in a spray bottle to have on hand for fresh accidents--it will work just fine.
- Do not enclose the mixture in an airtight container (a spray bottle is fine, though), or you could have a big mess on your hands! The reason for this is because when the ingredients are combined they release oxygen. Remember making "volcanoes" out of baking soda and vinegar when you were a little kid? Similar principle here.
- Carpet, furniture and mattresses typically require 1-2 treatments. Concrete, wood, tile and other hard surfaces usually need 3-5 treatments (1 treatment per day).

ALTERNATE METHODS OF APPLICATION

- **Spray bottle**--A spray bottle works best for applying the solution to small areas of concrete, linoleum, or other hard surfaces. It is also the best way to apply the solution to vertical surfaces like walls, shower tile and furniture. Just be sure to thoroughly spray the area you are treating. A spray bottle is generally not the best way to treat carpet.
- **Mop**--A mop is a good way to apply the solution to large areas of concrete, linoleum, or other hard surfaces. Generously apply the solution to the surface and let it soak. Do not mop or wipe up.
- **Garden watering can**--A garden watering can is best for medium to large areas--indoors or outdoors.
- **Carpet cleaning machine**--Just mix several batches of the recipe at a time and use it in place of the water and carpet shampoo. Don't vacuum the solution back up--just let it soak on the carpet until it air dries. While we have had many, many customers use this method without a single report of damage to a machine, our recipe is obviously not one of the solutions approved for use by the machine manufacturers. Using the recipe in your machine is at your own risk, and we are not responsible for any damage to customers' machines.
- **Chemical Sprayer**--This is a good method to use when applying the recipe to large areas, indoors or outdoors. Use the pump-type sprayer with an attached spraying wand (about \$10 at Wal-Mart or Home Depot), not the garden sprayer that you attach to a water hose. Make sure you use a new sprayer to ensure that there is no reaction to any chemical residue that might remain in the tank.

CONCRETE AND OTHER HARD SURFACES

For concrete and other hard surfaces, you want to make enough of the recipe to completely cover the stain. Pour, spray or mop on the solution on and *let it soak*. Do not mop or wipe up. Let it sit for 24 hours (depending on the humidity level, it will usually evaporate during this time). Repeat the treatment once a day for 3-5 days.

Something to keep in mind is that allowing the concrete to dry out after several treatments is often part of the odor removal process. If you've made multiple treatments and are still having odor, the best thing to do is stop treating. Let the area dry out for 5-7 days. You can even run a dehumidifier or put a fan on the area to help. We understand that it can be frustrating to wait 5-7 days, but letting the concrete dry out is often the difference in whether or not the odor is removed.

MATTRESSES

For mattresses, the best thing to do is to make a double, triple or even quadruple batch of the recipe--enough to completely cover the stain--and then really pour it on. Don't be afraid of saturating the mattress. The urine has gone deep into the mattress, so you need to make sure that there's enough solution to go deep into the mattress as well. The solution has to reach the urine to neutralize it. We recommend treating the mattress in the morning so that the solution can work through the day. The mattress will often be dry enough for use by bedtime.

SOFAS AND CUSHIONS

For sofas and cushions, please follow the directions for treating mattresses.

CLOTHING AND BEDDING

For clothing and bedding, you can either spot treat or use the recipe in a washing machine. Depending on the size load you are washing, you will need to make a double, triple or even quadruple batch of the recipe and pour it in with the washing machine water. Allow the clothing/bedding to soak in the washing machine overnight. Leave out the detergent until you are satisfied that the odor is gone. Then, you can wash with detergent like normal. If any of the clothes/bedding is brightly colored, be sure to do a spot check on them first before treating them.

HARDWOOD FLOORS

We do not recommend using the recipe on hardwood floors because we can't recommend saturating the wood. When a pet has urinated on hardwood, the urine has usually seeped deep into the floor. To neutralize the urine, you would need to apply the recipe so that it would also seep deep into the floors as well. Due to the possibility of warping, we just can't safely recommend this.

Now, if you have a situation where you're either you're going to have to treat the hardwood floors or rip them out, then by all means, give our recipe a try. But be aware that saturating

hardwood floors with any liquid may cause warping, and Stinkypets.com is not responsible for damage from warping.

ORIENTAL RUGS

If you purchased the recipe to treat an oriental rug, please use extreme caution. Sometimes the dyes used in the rugs are not colorfast. We have had many customers successfully treat oriental rugs, but we have also had a couple of cases where the solution caused the dyes in the rug to bleed.

We are not responsible for damage to rugs.

LEATHER

As you may have read on our FAQ page, we normally don't recommend using the solution on leather due to the possibility of damage. That being said, we've had customers who didn't have anything to lose (their clothing or furniture was unusable if the urine odor wasn't removed), so they decided to use the solution on leather anyway. In 99% of these cases there was no damage and the odor was removed, but we did have one case where the leather became hardened and "puckered". So, if you're in a situation where your leather item is unusable, then go ahead and give the recipe a try. But, be aware that the recipe may also ruin the item.

OUTDOOR USE

For outdoors, the recipe will work on dirt, sand, gravel, brick, grass and areas with groundcover-type plants. We don't, however, recommend using the recipe directly on shrubs or potted plants.

GALLON RECIPE FOR LARGE AREAS

16 cups (4 large 32-oz bottles) hydrogen peroxide
5 1/2 tablespoons (or about 1/3 cup) baking soda
1/2 tsp. liquid dishwashing soap

HIGHER CONCENTRATIONS OF PEROXIDE

If you are treating a large area, you may want to consider purchasing hydrogen peroxide in a stronger concentration. This can make each batch easier and less expensive to make. If you are able to acquire stronger peroxide, email us, and we can help you with the dilutions.

- Peroxide can be bought in stronger concentrations such as 6%, 9%, 12%, 20%, 35% and 40% (The 35% solution is often called "food grade"). Some customers have found stronger concentrations at cleaning supply warehouses.
- There is an online retailer called Garden of Eden (<http://www.dfwx.com/h2o2products.html>) that sells 35% food grade hydrogen peroxide in bulk. We have had no personal experience with this company, but you might want to consider them if you have an *extremely* large area to treat. Their smaller sizes of peroxide are not cost effective, but the larger sizes (1 gallon, 2 gallon and 4

gallon) can significantly reduce the cost of making the solution. Keep in mind, though, that 1 gallon of 35% peroxide will make 128 small-size batches and 16 gallon-size batches; the 2 gallon size will make 256 small-size batches and 32 gallon-size batches; and the 4 gallon size will make 512 small-size batches and 64 gallon-size batches. In other words, carefully consider how much you will need before buying in bulk.

- Hydrogen peroxide is also available from beauty supply stores in the form of "developer". It is a liquid (not a cream) and comes in strengths of 10 volume, 20 volume, 30 volume and 40 volume. In general, this is not a cost effective option for the average consumer, but if you have special access to discounted beauty supplies (a hair stylist, for example), or if you can find the 30 or 40 volume for less than \$2.00 per 16 oz. bottle, then this would help reduce the cost of making the recipe.

BLACKLIGHTS

A blacklight can be a helpful tool in finding urine if you don't know the location of the stains. Urine will appear as light yellow under a blacklight. To locate urine on carpet, you need to use the blacklight at night with all of the lights off (the urine is so light, it's hard to see it during the day). Turn on the blacklight and make sweeping motions over the carpet about an inch above the carpet. Not every spot you see under the blacklight will be urine. Urine is NOT bright white under a blacklight. Places where you have previously treated the carpet with spot cleaner or had spills with certain types of liquid will also show up (the residue is what is being illuminated). You are looking for a very, very pale yellow color on the carpet.

We purchased our blacklight from a very friendly online dealer, www.blacklightshop.com, for \$9.95 with free shipping. We've also seen blacklights for sale on eBay and at Wal-Mart.

UK CUSTOMERS

400 ml. hydrogen peroxide (3% liquid solution)
9 g bicarbonate of soda
2 small drops washing up liquid

Recipe for large areas:

4 litres peroxide
80 g bicarbonate of soda
2 ml washing up liquid

For our UK customers, we have been told that one can find hydrogen peroxide at Tesco Pharmacies and also at Boots in 200ml bottles.

You can also find hydrogen peroxide (liquid "developer") at hairdresser supply stores.

Online options:

- We've had no personal experience with this company, but Health Leads (<http://www.healthleadsuk.com>) sells 35% hydrogen peroxide in a 500 ml size, which, when diluted, would work out to about £1.40 per small batch.

- Peroxide is also sold on eBay UK (<http://www.ebay.co.uk>) in various strengths. We found an auction for 1 litre of 12% liquid peroxide for £5.99 plus £2.99 shipping, which, when diluted, would work out to be around £1.10 per small batch.

If you are able to acquire stronger concentrations of peroxide, email us, and we can help you with the dilutions.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND CUSTOMERS

400 ml. hydrogen peroxide (3% liquid solution)
9 g bicarbonate of soda
2 small drops washing up liquid

Recipe for large areas:

4 litres peroxide
80 g bicarbonate of soda
2 ml washing up liquid

There is a Australian website that sells hydrogen peroxide in different strengths. We have had no personal experience with this company, but you may want to check them out.

<http://www.pharmacyonline.com.au>

Also, a New Zealand customer purchased peroxide from a company called Jasol. Their address is 159 Marua Road Ellerslie, Auckland, and their phone number is 09 580 2105.

If you are able to acquire stronger concentrations of peroxide, email us, and we can help you with the dilutions.

HELP! THE SMELL IS WORSE AFTER I APPLIED THE SOLUTION!

By wetting the carpet or other surface with our solution, it will sometimes "reactivate" the odor, making it stronger before it gets better. This is extremely common, and it is temporary.

If you are just starting treatment, try to open windows or run a fan to help with the intensified odor. If you've already treated several times, stop treatment and wait 5-7 days to see what happens with the odor. Sometimes part of the odor removal process can be allowing the carpet or other surface to dry out thoroughly.

HELP! THE RECIPE ISN'T WORKING!

Remember, carpet, furniture and mattresses typically require 1-2 treatments. Concrete and other hard surfaces typically require 3-5 treatments. These, however, are averages. Sometimes it can take more; sometimes less. If you've treated three times for soft surfaces or five times for hard surfaces and are continuing to have odor, stop treatment and allow the area to dry out for several days.

COMMON SENSE

Above all, please use your common sense when treating with this recipe. For example, spraying any liquid on drywall until it's totally saturated is definitely not a good plan. Neither is spraying hydrogen peroxide on stained wood furniture. Or saturating MDF (Medium Density Fiberboard) baseboards. Or treating your carpet 25 times with *any* cleaner. If you have a gut feeling that using our solution in a particular situation is not a good idea, please email us and ask first. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

CitruSolution is not responsible for any damage caused by using this recipe.

IF YOU LOSE THE RECIPE

If at any time in the future you lose the recipe due to computer problems--or if you simply misplace it--please email us. We'll be happy to email you a new copy!