

# DIY Oil Stain Removal Techniques

## Cat Litter

1. Place a generous amount of cat litter over the stain.
2. Grind the litter into a fine powder.
3. Allow a few solid hours for the litter to absorb the oil
4. Sweep away the litter.
5. Follow up with a degreasing dish soap and hot water scrub down. Make sure to create tons of suds.
6. Rinse with boiling water.

## Baking Soda

1. Lightly wet the stained area.
2. Sprinkle area with baking soda or powdered dishwashing detergent.
3. Let sit for 10-15 minutes.
4. Pour boiling water over the area
5. Scrub until area is clean.

## Oven Cleaner

1. Simply spray the oven cleaner on the stain
2. Let it set for an hour or two.
3. Wash it away and then wipe it up.
  - If the stain remains: Dry it out, reapply the oven cleaner and cover area with plastic to ensure that the cleaning chemical is fully concentrated on removing the stain.

## Laundry Detergent

1. Soak up the excess oil with paper towels.
2. Cover the motor oil stain with a mound of powdered laundry detergent.
3. Add 1 cup baking soda to the mound.
4. Sprinkle water over the detergent and baking soda, stirring it with a paint stirring stick, until you've created a paste.
5. Spread the laundry detergent and baking soda paste over the oil stain with a scraper.
6. Leave the paste on your driveway overnight.
7. Scrape the detergent and baking soda paste from your driveway the next morning.
8. Pour the boiling water over the site of the stain to rinse away the detergent paste and any last remnants of motor oil.
9. Air dry your driveway

## Buy-a-product

1. Pour N' Restore: 16oz for **\$9**, 32oz for **\$14**, 1gal for **\$45**
  - Find it at ACE Hardware
2. Oil Gone Easy Home & Driveway S200: 64oz for **\$12**
  - Find it online at [www.oilgoneeasy.com](http://www.oilgoneeasy.com)
3. Seal-Krete Oil Remover: 64oz: **\$12**
  - Find it at Home depot
4. Valspar Oil Stain Remover: 1/2gal for **\$13**
  - Find it at Lowes
5. Chomp Concrete Stain Remover: 32oz for **\$8**
  - Find it at Home Depot