

## Oil Stain Removal Techniques

### Do It Yourself:

#### Cat litter

- 1) Place a generous amount of 'kitty 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.
  - ❖ If once doesn't fully do the trick, repeat the process.

#### 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 the 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 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:

Pour 'n' Restore - Apply, let dry, and sweep up.

16oz for \$8.99; 32oz for \$13.99; 1 gallon for \$44.99

❖ Get it at ACE Hardware.

Oil Gone Easy Home & Driveway S-200 - Pour and walk away.

1 quart bottle for \$19.95

❖ Get it online at [www.oilgoneeasy.com](http://www.oilgoneeasy.com)

Seal-Krete Oil Remover - Pour, wait 30 minutes, scrub, and rinse.

64oz for \$11.48

❖ Get it at Home Depot

Valspar Oil Stain Remover - Apply, let dry, and sweep up.

½ gallon for \$12.98

❖ Get it at Lowes