

In the pool section of Publix which is at the front of the store an oxidizing agent is sold called Potassium Permanganate. This is used for cleaning pool filters and yet can be highly effective for stain removal if used properly. Professional drycleaners use this bleach for removing difficult ink stains, mildew and other staining substances which other bleaches do not work on. Remember all bleaches must be tested on an unexposed area before use. No bleach is safe to all colors and fabrics.

FACTS ABOUT POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE

.....It is an oxidizing bleach which means that oxygen is added to a stain in order to make it invisible.

.....It is the strongest of all the bleaches used.

.....It may leave a brown discoloration on the garment. The discoloration may be removed by hydrogen peroxide and white vinegar.

.....It can be used to remove mildew on wool and silk since household chlorine bleach can not be used on these fabrics.

PREPARATION

.....A six ounce cup

.....Q-tips

.....Add potassium permanganate crystals to line bottom of cup

.....Add three ounces of water and mix

.....Hydrogen peroxide

.....Household white vinegar

HELPFUL HINTS WHEN APPLYING POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE

.....Put garment over a towel to prevent spreading of bleach.

.....Apply bleach with a Q-tip.

.....If bleaching a white area, which is near a colored portion of the garment, spread Vaseline on the colored portion. This will inhibit bleach from migrating into the colored area.

.....Always test all chemicals on unexposed area of the garment to determine its safety.

PROCEDURE FOR USING POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE

.....Wet area

.....Apply potassium permanganate with Q-tip

.....Rinse area with water

.....Apply hydrogen peroxide and then vinegar to remove brown residue

.....Rinse with water again

HELPFUL HINTS WHEN USING CHEMICALS

.....If vinegar is used on a fabric and the area changes color rinse immediately and apply ammonia.

.....If ammonia is used on a fabric and the area changes color rinse and use vinegar.