

# Baseball and Athletic Uniform Processing

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Here are the methods I recommend for cleaning sports uniforms.

1. When a uniform is brand new, and stained with red clay, you will be able to use RiteGo (neutral laundry spray spotter) to remove the soil. Spray, brush, and wash.
2. When the uniforms have been washed several times, and never been treated with RiteGo, the residual stains will remain. What is left over is no longer clay. It is pigment left over from the clay. We need to use a dye stripper (YellowGo) to remove the pigment. Keep in mind, that the clay pigment is fairly loose, and the colors / stripes or other markings on the pants are set. However, when we use YellowGo we must NEVER walk away from the process and forget about it. We need to attend to it within 5 minutes.
  - a. Prepare 5 gallons of warm (100 degree) water, in a clean sink or bucket.
  - b. Add 6 to 8 oz YellowGo to the water.
  - c. Soak 5 minutes, and check to see if the clay pigment is gone. If not, soak another 5 minutes. Keep checking the clay dyes to make sure they are gone.
  - d. As soon as you see that the YellowGo has worked, then wash to rinse out the chemical.
3. For grass stains, spray the stained area with RiteGo. Then add one cup of SoGo "1" (Enzyme based stain remover) grease oil remover, to the wash cycle ... add it when your regular soaps are injected. The SoGo "1" will act in synergy with your soaps to remove grass stains. Make sure you have a wash cycle of at least 15 minutes, and be careful NOT TO insert the SoGo "1" when doing an up front couple minutes pre flush, because the SoGo "1" and your soaps will not have enough exposure to enable them to remove soil and stains.
4. For eye black, remove with RiteGo. Apply, brush, and wash.
5. For pine tar, apply LAUNDRY TARGO (long lasting laundry paint and grease oil remover), brush in, and wait as long as possible ([2-12 hrs.](#)) before washing.