

# Professional Chemical-Free Wedding Gown Cleaning and Preservation



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### Clean & Preserve Prices

\$125 Regular Dress

\$150 Ball Gowns

\$50 Excessively dirty

Professionally Wet-Clean your bridal gown with 100% Organic cleaning solutions. Dry Cleaning chemicals can alter your dress color over time and wreck your beads and bling. This technique is guaranteed to remove all stains, body oils and dirt from your beautiful dress. Preserved in a vented garment bag with lots of acid-free tissue paper to absorb any moisture left in dress. Sealing a dress traps moisture inside which turns to rust. (It also hides that the dry cleaning didn't actually get your dress clean!) Store in a dry, dark place and have your daughter try it on throughout her childhood so she will be as in love with your dress as you are! Recommended for polyester dresses not silk.

### DIY Cleaning:

- 1) Fill up bathtub with HOT water. Fill up with enough water so it will cover dress, about 2-5 inches.
- 2) Add 1 cup Borax, 1 cup Washing Soda (or 2 cups Oxi-Clean) plus ¼ to 1/2 cup Dawn depending on size of dress. I use clear Dawn but you can use blue Dawn. Stir with wooden spoon.
- 3) Lay dress in the water. Push down with wooden spoon so that everything is wet. Soak 30 min.
- 4) With small brush and Fels Naptha bar and scrub along neckline & under arms to remove all body oils. Put bottom edge of skirt on the edge of tub and scrub Fels Naptha where dirty. For tulle or soft lace layers just rub fabric together instead of scrubbing with brush. Soak again for 15 min.
- 5) If there is a stubborn stain try Gojo for oil/grease, Hydrogen Peroxide for blood or red wine, Rubbing Alcohol for grass stains.
- 6) Once clean, drain soapy water. Fill tub up with cold water. Push dress down until water coming out of dress is cold. Larger dresses may need 2<sup>nd</sup> cold water rinse. Drain water.
- 7) Lift dress up with both arms under it. Hold for 2-3 minutes while water drips out.  
**IMPORTANT: DO NOT WRING OR TWIST DRESS!!!** Just hold up and let water drip out.
- 8) Lay on a beach towel. Cover with a 2<sup>nd</sup> beach towel and roll up. Let set for 5 minutes.
- 9) Lay on another towel on drying rack or flat surface. Put towels between ever layer and inside body of dress. Let dry overnight. Switch out towels on larger dresses.
- 10) Hang to dry 3 more days. Large skirts – hang inside out over back of chair or flat surface.
- 11) Once completely dry, put in large garment box (I use Ikea fabric storage boxes) Put acid-free tissue paper in between every layer of the skirt, down the middle of the dress and bodice. Bunch up paper to keep shape of bodice.
- 12) Store in a dry, dark place on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of your house. Top shelf in a closet is good. No basement or attic space as moisture is less controlled.
- 13) When your daughter is going through her Disney Princess phase, have her take a bath and try on your princess dress!