



GETTING THE BEST OUT OF YOUR HOME

Water Conservation

- Use water that you may have discarded to water your indoor plants or garden.
- Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers.
- Check the toilet for leaks by adding food coloring to the tank; If there is a leak, the color will appear within 30 minutes.
- Take shorter showers.
- Raise the lawn mower blade to the highest level to encourage grass roots to grow deeper, holding moisture better.
- Avoid hosing down driveways and sidewalks.
- Consider installing an instant water heater on your kitchen sink.
- Do not let the water run while shaving or washing your face.



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Household Cleaning Tips & Tricks

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| <p>ANT REPELLENT
To keep ants out of the house, sprinkle a "barrier" of cinnamon or ground pepper to block their way. The spices are too hot for the ants to cross.</p> | <p>SMASHED DOWN CARPET
After moving furniture, place an ice cube on the spot. As it melts, the piles will go back up.</p> | <p>MICROWAVE FILTH
Place a soaked sponge in the microwave. Cook on high heat for 2 minutes, then allow to sit for 5 minutes. Wipe off with sponge with no scrubbing!</p> |
| <p>CHROME
To remove rust from chrome, wipe it with aluminum foil dipped in Coke*. To polish, use a crumpled up piece of aluminum foil and rub.</p> | <p>SMELLY COOKING HANDS
Simply rub your hands over a stainless steel utensil under running water. This works for the odor of fish, onions, & garlic.</p> | <p>MOTHBALL SUBSTITUTE
Use leftover soap slivers and put them into a vented plastic bag. Place the bag with seasonal clothes before packing away. The scent prevents moths and smells great!</p> |
| <p>DISHWASHERS
To clean mineral deposits from the inside of your dishwasher, pour in a container of Tang* Drink Mix and run the dishwasher empty.</p> | <p>TARNISHED SILVERWARE
Line a cake pan with foil. Fill with water & add 1 Tbsp of baking soda per 2 cups of water. Heat to 150 degrees. Lay silverware in pan, touching foil. Watch stains simply disappear.</p> | <p>WATER RINGS ON WOOD
Mix equal parts of baking soda & white, non-gel toothpaste. Lightly dampen a clean cloth and use circular motion to buff the mark. Wipe clean. Follow with furniture polish.</p> |



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Increase Curb Appeal

- Make sure house numbers are easy to read.
- Replace or paint the front door.
- Clean windows.
- Touch up or repaint the home's exterior.
- Fix loose shutters.
- Straighten or replace loose or bent gutters.
- Paint or replace your mailbox.
- Prune overgrown bushes and trees.
- Keep grass trimmed and yard clear of toys and debris.
- Mulch flowerbeds and around shrubs.
- Add a potted plant or flower boxes to the front entrance.



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Deck & Patio Cleaning

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| <p>LEAF STAINS
Spot-scrub the area with a 1-to-1 solution of household bleach and water.</p> | <p>BARBECUE STAINS
Scrub with a strong household detergent or water-rinsable automatic degreaser or carburetor cleaner. Rinse area before it dries.</p> |
| <p>GREEN ALGAE OR MOSS
Scrub with a solution of 4 parts bleach to 1 part water (temporary).</p> | <p>MILDEW
Clean the surface with commercial deck cleaner/brightener.</p> |
| <p>SAP
Scrape excess material with a putty knife or steel wool. Wipe with turpentine.</p> | <p>RUST
Apply a solution of water and 5 percent oxalic acid to the stain. Let it sit for several minutes, then rinse.</p> |



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