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Tip: Cleaning Common Baby-Related Stains

Formula stains are very common to find on baby clothes. If the clothing is white, use lemon juice on the stain (undiluted) and then allow it to dry in direct sunlight. Launder as normal. If the formula stain is on a piece of clothing that is colored, make a thick paste from meat tenderizer and water. Apply it to the stain and then launder. One important thing to remember is that you should try to remove these stains as soon as possible after they happen. Do not put the baby clothing in the dryer or use an iron on them until you have tried all the stain removal techniques that you plan to use. Soaking a baby food stain with vinegar (only white vinegar, though!) before laundering often removes the stains that are made from baby food.

Category: Bathroom Cleaning

Subcategory: Cleaning A Bathroom

Tip: Grout Mold and Mildew Removal

When cleaning a bathroom, be sure to pay particular attention to grout which can harbor mold or mildew if not properly maintained. If mildew does start to creep up on you, try cleaning with a dilute solution of chlorine bleach in water (one cup bleach to three cups water, increasing the bleach as necessary). Spray or sponge it on, wait a few minutes, then rinse well with clean water. Commercial mildew remover sprays can also be used. When using chemicals for cleaning bathroom tiles, be sure to wear rubber gloves and rinse the area well after cleaning. A less hazardous method is to use a peroxide based cleaner, such as Bio-OX Citrus Concentrate. Wet the area, spray Bio-OX Citrus Concentrate on the mildew, wait a few minutes then scrub with an old toothbrush. If the stains are particularly stubborn, you may want to use a stronger dilution of Bio-OX Citrus Concentrate.

Category: Car Cleaning

Subcategory: Exterior Car Cleaning

Tip: Permanent Marker Removal from Car Exterior

Permanent marker is not easy to get off a car's exterior without damaging the paint. However, there is a product called Stoner Xenit Citrus Cleaner which claims it can do

just that. I haven't tried it, so I'd advise doing a little more research on it first.

Category: Cleaning Carpet

Subcategory: Cleaning Carpet Tips

Tip: Coffee Stain Removal from Carpet

Coffee stains on carpet aren't difficult to remove if you act quickly. Here's a good rule of thumb: to remove carpet stains effectively, it's important you get to the task immediately upon spilling, if you don't you're more likely to incur permanent damage. Dab at the stain with vinegar or club soda until it's removed. If you waited too long and the stain has set in, you should still be able to remove the stain by using dry-cleaning solvent. Blot until the stain is lifted.

Tip: Dirt Defense

No one likes to spend precious free time cleaning carpet. To save wear and tear as well as time spent cleaning carpet stains and dirt, have everyone remove their shoes upon entering your home. If you don't already have doormats and boot scrapers in place for your guests, it would be a good idea to do so. Try and keep walkways and entrances swept and free of dirt and debris that can be tracked in on one's shoes.

Tip: Hairspray Removal from Carpet

When hairspray spills on the carpet, it's imperative one acts quickly before the stain hardens. If you're not fast enough, all is not lost, it's really not difficult to remove carpet stains such as this. Ask yourself, what happens when hair spray builds up in my hair? You shampoo it, right? The same method will work here. For cleaning carpet of hardened hairspray, just blot with a little clarifying shampoo and water. In just about every case, this will be enough to do the trick. Just keep blotting until all of the hairspray and its stickiness is removed.

Tip: Jell-o and other Gelatin Stain Removal from Carpet

The dyes in Kool-Aid, Gatorade and Jell-o generally result in a permanent stain. However, you can still try to remove carpet stains caused by these products. The newest technology uses peroxide and detergents to penetrate the soiled area to remove the stain and deactivate the odor. Simply spray a product such as Bio-OX Citrus Concentrate on the soiled area, and then allow it to penetrate for approximately five minutes. Using a clean white absorbent cloth, blot the area, pressing down firmly (do not rub) for 30 seconds. Repeat this blotting process until the area is dry. If the odor persists, repeat the process. Another option for cleaning carpet stains such as these is

to use ordinary household and blot at the stain using a clean cloth. When cleaning carpet stains with ammonia, wear a mask or turn your head so you don't inhale the fumes.

Tip: Oil Paint on Carpet

Before employing any chemicals for cleaning carpet stains caused by oil paint, first test in a hidden area such as inside a closet or under a piece of furniture. The last thing you want to do is incur further damage. To remove carpet stains such as these, first try a little paint thinner. Dab as gently as possible until all of the paint is removed. If this doesn't work or no paint thinner is available, try using some dry cleaning solvent. If the paint hasn't penetrated deep into the carpet fibers and it won't be noticeable, snip a little bit off the top of the carpet. If none of these will work, contact your carpet care professional.

Tip: Plaster Removal from Carpet

If you're cleaning carpet stains made up of plaster, in most cases all you'll need is a good vacuum. A shop vac is especially good for this task. Once all of the plaster and powder is removed, cover the stain in a thick cloth saturated with dishwashing liquid. Leave for an hour or so to loosen the remaining plaster and blot clean with a sponge.

Tip: Soft Drink Stain Removal from Carpet

Anyone who has ever hosted a party has had to contend with careless guests. They don't spill because they're inconsiderate of course, they're just having such a good time, they're not paying attention. That can mean only one thing. Spills on the carpet. If you're finding yourself having to remove carpet stains caused by soft drinks, you might be happy to find out this is an easy spot to remove. The last thing you want after a party is to spend a lot of time cleaning carpet stains caused by an overzealous party goer. Pour some vinegar onto a cloth and blot the stain until it's lifted. If you can't live with the smell of vinegar, blot again with a damp sponge.

Category: Cleaning Outdoor Items

Subcategory: Cleaning Outdoor Items

Tip: Car Wax Removal from Brick Driveway

To remove car wax from a brick driveway, squirt some liquid dish detergent (preferably one designed for cutting grease) onto the stain. Add water. Be sure to wet down the area surrounding the stain as well. Scrub the stain vigorously with a nylon scrub brush (not a wire brush which can erode or scratch the concrete), adding enough water to

make a rich soapy lather. Rinse with clean water. It may take several attempts to completely remove all of the wax. Another way to remove the wax from the bricks is to spread a thick layer of cat litter over the grease to absorb the excess wax on the surface. Allow the litter to sit for a day or two, then sweep it away.

Tip: Motor Oil Removal from Concrete

A fresh motor oil stain from concrete is easier to remove than an old stain. Squirt some liquid dish detergent (preferably one designed for cutting grease) onto the stain. Add water. Be sure to wet down the area surrounding the stain as well to prevent oil from spreading during the cleaning process and causing a secondary stain. Scrub the stain vigorously with a nylon scrub brush (not a wire brush which can erode or scratch the concrete), adding enough water to make a rich soapy lather. Rinse with clean water. The soap will emulsify the oil and lift it out of the concrete, but it may take several attempts to completely remove all of the oil. When rinsing the area, it is more environmentally responsible to blot the area with a towel to remove the soapy water, since rinsing the mixture with a hose will allow the motor oil in the water to seep into the ecosystem or sewer system. Another way to remove motor oil from concrete is to spread a thick layer of cat litter over the grease to absorb the excess motor oil on the surface. Allow the litter to sit for a day or two, then sweep it away. Pour dry concrete over the dried grease spot. Allow the concrete to sit for a day or two, then sweep away the dirty concrete. Be sure to gather both the cat litter and the dirty concrete in a bag and dispose of it properly so the motor oil doesn't get into the ecosystem or sewer system. Contact your local waste collection service for more information.

Tip: Outdoor Furniture Mold and Mildew Removal

The only way to kill mold and mildew and their spores is to use bleach. You can dilute it in a spray bottle with water, and it should kill the mold without harming the fabric. Try using about 1/2 cup of bleach per gallon of water. Test this on a non-visible area first. If the color does run, you can use a color safe bleach.

Category: Dry Cleaning

Subcategory: Dry Cleaning Tips

Tip: Save Money On Dry Cleaning By Using Coupons

The cost of dry cleaning can be outrageous anymore. With the uncertain state of the economy today, we all need to save money wherever we can. While it would be nice to not have to have our clothes dry cleaned at all, oftentimes this just isn't possible. So, the next best thing is to save money on it.

One great way in which to save money on your dry cleaning is by using coupons. While you may find coupons for dry cleaners in your local paper that are not for the dry cleaner you would prefer to use, it is possible that your dry cleaner may actually accept these coupons. This is because, just like other types of stores, dry cleaners will oftentimes accept coupons from their competitors. Why would they do this? Because they want to keep your business and they know that it is less expensive for them to keep you as their customer than it is to try to find a new customer. With this in mind, you should talk to your dry cleaner and find out if they are willing to accept their competitors' coupons.

Category: Floor Cleaning

Subcategory: Linoleum & Vinyl Cleaning

Tip: Newsprint Stain Removal from Linoleum

You should be able to remove the newsprint stains on your linoleum by making a paste out of baking soda and water, and applying to the stain. Let sit for 1/2 hour, then use the paste to scrub the floor. If that doesn't work, try using a laundry pre-wash spray on the areas.

Tip: Removing Rust Stains from Linoleum Floors

Although there are many products on the market that claim to remove rust stains, they are often for non-porous enameled surfaces and the formulas themselves are quite caustic and/or abrasive. This is a problem when you're dealing with porous surface like linoleum. A 'porous surface' is a surface that has microscopic holes or pits in it- despite the appearance of a smooth surface to the naked eye. When rust, or any other kind of agent, settles into these pits and holes, it can be nearly impossible to get it back out- without ruining the finish of the surface. If you're not particularly concerned with ruining the finish, you can try an abrasive, such as Comet and a heavy duty nylon scrubbing pad, to loosen up/break down as much of the rust deposit as you can. With repeated and regular scrubbing over a period of time, the stain may begin to fade or lessen. If you are concerned about the finish, some will recommend everything from vinegar and a toothbrush to a paste of baking soda and a soft wet rag as non-abrasive ways to save the finish and get the stain out. If these methods do not work for you, it may come down to replacing the number of tiles affected.

Tip: Removing Stain on Linoleum or Vinyl from Rubber Backing of Area Rug

The yellow stain on your kitchen floor is likely due to the rubber backing on the rug altering the finish on your flooring. You may not be able to remove the stain without stripping the wax and recoating the floor. Before getting that drastic, try making a baking

soda paste, with baking soda and water, and applying it to the stain. Allow it to sit overnight, scrub and rinse. You could also try hydrogen peroxide on the stain, or a weak bleach solution.

Tip: Tar Removal from Vinyl Floor

To remove tar from vinyl floors, rub some peanut butter on the spot. The peanut butter will dissolve the tar.

Tip: Wax Removal from Linoleum Floor

To remove candle wax from linoleum, first chip off as much of the surface wax as possible, using a dull knife. Then, place several layers of paper towel over remaining wax, and apply a warm iron to draw wax into the paper towels. Replace the paper towels if they become saturated.

Category: Furniture Cleaning

Subcategory: Cleaning Leather Furniture

Tip: Gum Removal from Leather Upholstery

To remove the gum from leather upholstery, you can rub an ice cube (placed in a plastic bag) over the gum, and freeze the gum until it hardens, then chip it off. Another option is to spread peanut butter over the gum. Let sit a few hours to dissolve the gum then wipe away. Make sure to try the peanut butter on a non-visible area first to ensure that it doesn't damage the finish on the leather.

Subcategory: Cleaning Upholstery

Tip: Permanent Marker Stain Removal from Upholstery

To remove marker from upholstery, first, thoroughly vacuum the area to remove any loose dirt or dust from the stain. Try using either rubbing alcohol or a non-oily hairspray as your stain removing agent. Since you are working on upholstery, you must be careful not to soak the fabric, or the stuffing will become saturated and you will end up with both a stain and mildew. Apply a small amount at a time and blot between applications. Unfortunately, it is not called "permanent" marker for no reason, and depending on how fresh the stain is, this may not remove the stain completely and you may be stuck with the stain.

Subcategory: Cleaning Wood Furniture

Tip: Mold and Mildew Removal from Wood Furniture

Cleaning wood furniture can cause irreparable damage to the furniture's finish if the wrong methods are used, so start with gentle cleaners, working up to stronger solutions as necessary. Always test cleaners first in an inconspicuous area, such as the back or bottom of the furniture, before applying to a larger area. To remove mold and mildew from wood furniture, first try wiping the wood with a soft cloth and a solution of water and a mild dish detergent, using circular strokes. Keep the cloth barely damp, being careful not to saturate the wood. Rinse the cloth frequently. You can also use a commercial wood cleaner, such as Murphy's Oil Soap, instead. If the piece still looks dirty, try using mineral spirits. If the wood still looks dirty after using mineral spirits, the wood furniture will require professional treatment. Once the wood has been cleaned, the wood must be protected with wood furniture wax.

Tip: Sticker Removal from Wood Furniture

To remove the stickers from wood furniture, use rubbing alcohol. This should not harm the finish, but to be sure, test it on a non-visible area of your furniture first. Vegetable oil is also all very effective, but test first to make sure it doesn't harm the finish. Some stickers may also be removed by heating with a hair dryer and then peeling them off.

Category: Kitchen Cleaning

Subcategory: Kitchen Cleaning Tips

Tip: Aluminum Pan Cleaning

Aluminum pans can't always be cleaned in the same manner as you would when regularly washing the dishes. You can clean aluminum pans by combining a quarter cup each of cream of tartar, baking soda, and vinegar to make a paste, then stir in two tablespoons of powdered laundry detergent. Rub it into your pan and scour with a plastic scrubber. (Be sure to never use bleach or ammonia on aluminum as it will cause discoloration.) To restore color and shine to an aluminum pan, boil some apple peels for a few minutes, then rinse and dry.

Tip: Bleach Stain Removal from Countertop

Kitchen cleaning is more than washing dishes. One also must also consider cleaning kitchen cabinets and counters, which can become stained if not properly maintained. To remove a yellow bleach stain from your countertop, try using a paste made from baking soda and water. Let it sit for half an hour, then scrub the area with a damp nylon sponge. Bleach causes a permanent reaction however, so your efforts may be futile.

Tip: Chest Freezer Cleaning

If defrosting a chest type freezer factors into your kitchen cleaning, try this tip. Use a clean mop to swab the hard to reach bottom of the freezer. After all the water has been mopped up, mop the bottom again - but this time with a solution of baking soda and water. This will help keep the freezer smelling fresh.

Tip: Homemade Remedy For Clogged Drains

If you have a clogged drain and cannot run out to the store to get a commercial drain product, try this remedy. 1) Remove all water from the sink. You may have to dip it out of the sink with a cup and place it in a bucket. 2) Pour one cup of baking soda down the drain. 3) Follow that with one cup of table salt. 4) Next, pour one half cup of white vinegar down the drain. 5) Allow the drain to set for ten minutes than flush it with two quarts of boiling water.

Tip: Microwave Oven Cleaning and Deodorizing

During the course of your kitchen cleaning, you'll want to clean the exterior of your microwave oven. You can do this using baking soda and water which should remove any residue without harming the finish. You may also want to wipe down the outside with vinegar after scrubbing. To thoroughly clean the inside of your microwave oven, add two tablespoons of lemon juice to a cup of water in a microwave safe bowl. Heat the mixture and allow to boil for approximately five minutes. Wipe out the inside with a sponge. For a quick and simple method of cleaning, wet a dishcloth and place in the center of your microwave. Turn on high and allow the cloth to heat for about 30 seconds. The steam that this creates will help loosen any hardened spills and you can use the heated cloth to wipe the inside clean. Be careful, the cloth will be really hot! If you have some difficult stains inside your microwave oven, there are two things you can try to remove them. First, you can cover the sides of your microwave with a cream cleanser, something like VIM. Put a microwave safe container with water in it on the turntable. Microwave it and make plenty of steam. Wipe out the interior with paper towel, and be sure to rinse thoroughly. If this doesn't work, you can take a three cup glass microwavable container, fill with one cup water and one cup white vinegar. Microwave for five minutes uncovered. Then wipe down with warm sponge. To freshen up and deodorize your microwave, place a bowl of water in the oven and add three or four slices of lemon. Cook on high for thirty seconds. You can also try putting a little vanilla in a bowl, place it in your microwave and turn your oven on High for one minute. Repeat if this doesn't remove the smell after one try.

Tip: Removing Build-up From Salt and Pepper Shakers

Removing the build-up from wooden salt and pepper shakers is done in much the same way as you would clean glass shakers. Be sure to empty the shakers out and then

submerge them in warm soapy water for three to five minutes. After the salt and pepper shakers have soaked, scrub them gently with a coarse sponge until you've removed all the grime and build-up. Then rinse the shakers and place them in the dish drain to dry. Once the shakers have dried thoroughly, you can put fresh salt and pepper into the shakers and use them as you normally would!

Tip: Stainless Steel Pots and Pans Cleaning

A very effective kitchen cleaning product for stainless steel is baking soda. If you have burnt on spots, cover the stain with baking soda, cover with water and bring to a boil. Let it cool, then wash and the stain should come off easily. You can also make a paste of baking soda and water and let it sit on stains overnight. To polish and shine the outsides of your pans, you can use rubbing alcohol, but be sure to thoroughly dry them before using or heating them.

Category: Pet Stain & Odor

Subcategory: Cleaning

Tip: Cat Urine Odor

If your home has a cat urine odor, it may be coming from stained areas on the carpet or furniture. To remove cat urine and cat urine odor, you may need to give the stained area a good cleaning. Use vinegar to spot clean pet stains and remove the odor. In addition you can try a professional product such as PAWS - Pet Accident Washup Solution or Bio-OX Citrus Concentrate on the soiled area, and then allow it to penetrate for approximately five minutes. Using a clean white absorbent cloth, blot the area, pressing down firmly (do not rub) for 30 seconds. Repeat this blotting process until the area is dry. If the odor persists, repeat the process. PAWS will do an excellent job on old pet stain and odors too. You can also try saturating the area with a 3% hydrogen peroxide solution. Let it sit for a few minutes. Then, using a clean white absorbent cloth, blot the area, pressing down firmly (do not rub) for 30 seconds. Repeat this blotting process until the area is dry. If the odor or stain persists, repeat the process. Another option is baking soda, which can be used to eliminate surface (but not deeply penetrated) odors. Dampen the area with clean water and then sprinkle baking soda over it. Rub the baking soda into the soiled area and let dry; brush or vacuum to remove the dry material.

Category: Stain Removal from Clothes

Subcategory: Cleaning Delicate Clothes

Tip: Buckskin and Deerskin Care

To clean buckskin or deerskin garments, wash them with a damp cloth and mild dishwashing soap, using gentle strokes. Rinse thoroughly, air dry away from heat or direct sunlight. If you need more abrasion, scrub the garment with damp sand or salt, very fine sandpaper or commercial buckskin cleaner. Never twist or wring the article.

Tip: Itchy Sweater Cure

To get your sweater wearable, first you will need to figure out what is making it itchy. Likely, it is a wool sweater, and if this is the case, there is not much you can do, except maybe wear a T-shirt underneath. If the sweater is machine washable, you can try adding a powdered water softener to the wash. If you need to hand wash it, try washing it with a protein hair shampoo. If the scratchiness is caused from detergent residue, try adding white vinegar (1/2 cup) to the rinse cycle.

Tip: Silk Care and Cleaning

Before washing silk, be sure to check the label for manufacturer's recommendations. Many silks are machine washable in cold water. Be sure to check for colorfastness before washing, to prevent fading. If it is not colorfast, you will need to have it dry cleaned. If the label says to hand wash, use a protein hair shampoo and don't twist or pull. Handle the silk gently and hang it to dry. To spot treat stains, use color-safe bleach or a mix of one part hydrogen peroxide and eight parts water.

Subcategory: Cleaning Shoes

Tip: White Canvas Sneakers Care and Cleaning

The best way to clean white sneakers is with an old toothbrush and some form of a cleanser. Murphy's Oil Soap, liquid laundry detergent, Comet, etc. are all good choices. Air dry. Most sneakers can be washed in the washing machine, but it will shorten their lifespan, and may cause some of the glue to come loose. If any stains remain after cleaning, they can be covered up with white shoe polish.

Tip: Whitening Rubber Shoe Soles

To get your white rubber soles white again, try using white-wall cleaner (designed for tires). Follow the package directions for cleaning tires. You could also try ice skate cleaner that you can purchase from a sporting goods shop.

Subcategory: Clothing Stain and Odor Removal

Tip: Washing Whites

Hot water works the best, since your detergent will dissolve and work the most effectively at this temperature. Water rinses equally well at any temperature, however, so be sure to rinse all your clothes using cold water to save on hot water. If your clothes are not particularly soiled, you could probably get away with using hot water every second or third washing to save on hot water as well. Be sure to always follow the washing directions given on the label of your clothes for best results.

Tip: Whiter White Cotton Socks

Return white socks to sparkling white by boiling them in a saucepan with a few slices of lemon. The lemon is a natural bleach. Dishwasher detergent also whitens socks - just add a little to the regular washload.

Subcategory: Food Stains Removal

Tip: Chocolate Stain Removal from Clothing

To remove chocolate, rub with a borax and warm water solution before laundering (4 tbsp. borax to 2 1/2 cups water).

Tip: Coffee / Tea Stain Removal from Clothing

To remove a fresh coffee or tea stain, immediately pour boiling water over the stain until it disappears. Or, soak the stain with borax and water, then wash as usual. On old stains, make a paste of borax and water, leave on for 15 minutes, then wash.

Subcategory: Non-Food Stains and Odors

Tip: Desitin Ointment / Zinc Oxide Stain Removal from Clothing

You should be able to remove Desitin ointment (zinc oxide diaper rash ointment) from clothing by first scraping off as much of the ointment as possible with a dull knife. Then, pour some baking powder on the spot, give it time to absorb the grease, then brush off. Saturate the stain with liquid laundry detergent or a laundry stain remover. Wash as usual.

Tip: Ink Stain Removal from Leather

An effective way to remove the ink stains on leather items is by using either hair spray or Armor All. Just spray the stain, then wipe it with a soft cloth. To be sure that this will not effect the dyes in your leather, be sure to try this in a non-visible area first.

Tip: Red Clay Stain Removal from Clothing

You can remove red clay by first letting it dry thoroughly and brushing off as much as possible. Then you can rub the stain with Murphy's Oil Soap, leave for 15 minutes, and rinse with cold water. Or, instead of the Murphy's Oil Soap, you could use a solution of 1 tablespoon borax in a cup of water. If the spot persists, use an enzyme presoak, or soak the item in a gallon of water to which you've added a cup of ammonia (or use bleach if the items are white).

Tip: Rubber Cement Removal from Clothing

To remove rubber cement, you can use mineral spirits, laquer thinner, or a product called Goo Gone - or similar products such as Goof Off. Any of the above should remove the rubber cement for you without harming the fabric or the dye of your clothing.

Tip: Stool Stain Removal from Clothing or Diapers

To get the baby stool stains out of your clothing, try using an enzyme pre-soak or liquid, such as Biz or Axion. The enzymes digest the stain in the same way your body digests food. Soak the stain, then wash as usual.

Tip: Wax Removal from Tablecloth

To get candle wax off your tablecloth, put a plain paper bag over the spot, and press with a warm (not hot) iron. Continue this, using fresh pieces of paper until all the wax is absorbed. If some of the dye has seeped into the fabric of your tablecloth and remains after removing the wax, try laundering with a color-safe bleach.

Category: Top Cleaning Apps

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Tip: The Top 5 Cleaning Apps

Whether it's New Year's, spring cleaning or any other time of the year, it doesn't hurt to have a clean home. You may wonder just how and where to start. Look to your smartphone first. You can download a variety of apps that can make cleaning a lot simpler, meaning that you may want to do it more often. Maybe. 1. Rumgr on iPhone Get rid of old, unwanted items through a rummage sale, or use Rumgr. You can snap a picture of the item you want sold, set up a price, and then offer it up for sale right through this free app. 2. Clean Freak Cleaning Schedule on iPhone For just 99 cents, you can set up a cleaning to-do list. Enjoy checking off items and breaking down huge cleaning tasks into smaller, more manageable ones with this app. 3. House Cleaning on

Android This free app offers a list of all the common rooms in a house, giving you tips on how to clean each. The point of the app is to develop a routine that encompasses the whole house. 4. Green Shine on iPhone Everyone wants to go green, and with this app, you can. For only three dollars, learn how to clean in a way that preserves the environment using products without harmful chemicals. 5. Chore Hero on iPhone If you need some help on household tasks, use this app. For three dollars, you can divvy up chores among the family and dole out rewards to make cleaning somewhat fun.

Category: Wall Cleaning

Subcategory: Cleaning Wall & Door Stains

Tip: Smoke Film Removal from Wallpaper

To remove a smoke film from vinyl wallpaper, try washing the wallpaper with a solution of 1/2 cup borax, 2 tablespoons soap flakes (like Ivory Flakes), 1 tablespoon ammonia, and one gallon of warm water. Use full strength in a spray bottle or add two cups to a pail of warm water. Regular wallpaper is not meant to be washed, but you can use the same solution as above, just proceed with caution and do not overwet it.

Category: Window Cleaning

Subcategory: Cleaning Windows

Tip: Cleaning Mini-Blinds

Many of us pause when coming across mini-blinds at our local home improvement center. Sure they look nice, but the cleaning! It's bad enough to spend a day cleaning windows, but spending hours getting dust and dirt out of micro blinds is not anyone's idea of how to spend weekend. Here's a window cleaning tip to speed up the process: Use the hose attachment on your vacuum cleaner. You won't even need to remove the blinds if you don't want. A dryer rubbed along the blinds will also quickly remove dust and alleviate the static so dust won't build up as easily.

Tip: Mineral Deposit Removal from Windows

If you were cleaning windows with hard water, you probably have mineral deposits left behind on your windows. To rectify this, try cleaning windows with straight vinegar. It will remove hard water stains and mineral deposits and leave your windows with a shine. Wipe clean with newspaper.