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Squeaky clean hacks for the home



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Since we have all been spending more time indoors this year, I decided to do some research on some fun and interesting cleaning hacks. Having everyone at home 24-7 has definitely led to a messier house. I am excited to try out some of these tips this weekend. Maybe I can convince the kiddos to join in?

Use dryer sheets to clean your pans

Who knew dryer sheets could also clean your pots and pans? Stubborn baked on food can easily be removed by placing the pan in

the sink with warm water, soap and a dryer sheet. Let it sit for an hour or so and then rinse off with clean water.

Scrub your cast iron skillet with a potato

Add some coarse salt into the pan and then use a potato cut in half to scrub off the grime. Rinse with warm water and dry immediately.

Detox garbage disposal with lemons and limes

I have been using this trick for years and it works. Toss in a few cut up lemons or limes

and turn on the disposal.

Use a squeegee to remove hairs from carpet

This is a great tip if you have pets or even humans who shed (my husband hates it because he's always finding my long hairs all around the house). Use the squeegee to rake the carpet before vacuuming, this will help keep your vacuum from getting clogged up.

Clean your blender

We like to make smoothies every morning and sometimes (OK, many times) I forget to clean it out right away only to have to spend the evening scrubbing it out. Get into the habit of immediately adding warm soapy water to your blender and turn it on for a bit to clean it out. If you have stubborn stains use warm water and baking soda.

Use vodka to get rid of mildew

Who knew that the bottle of vodka in your freezer was not just for quarantine stress relief? If you've got mildew in your bathroom this will get it out in no time. Use a mix of 50-50 water and vodka in a spray bottle. Spray the area and let it sit for 10-20 minutes then rinse with warm water.

Use a paper towel tube on the vacuum cleaner

If you have hard areas to reach with a vacuum (i.e. the rails of your slider doors, window sills, etc.) Take an empty paper towel tube and attach it to the end of the vacuum hose, pinch it to the size you need and get into all those nooks and crannies.

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