

Home Fix-Up Tips



Clean Doors Give a Great Impression

No one knows why, but your whole house looks good when the front door is clean. Scrub the door from top to bottom with a rag and soapy water, using a scrub brush for especially tough spots.

Cleaning Scuff Marks

Use 3 tbsp. Of TSP (trisodium phosphate) to a gallon of water to clean scuff marks or crayon marks off walls. TSP can be found in the paint department of a hardware store. Wear gloves and do not use on semi-gloss or gloss paint or wood surfaces.

Removing Candle Wax from Walls

Candle wax can be removed from walls or other surfaces with an iron and facial tissue. Set the tissue over the wax and gently iron. When the wax seeps through or the tissue begins to brown, apply a new tissue.

Cleaning Chrome

Club soda or seltzer water will clean chrome.

Removing Magic Marker Ink

Hair spray will remove magic-marker ink from surfaces.

Removing Smoke Odor

Place a bowl of vinegar out to absorb smoke odor.

Easy Bathroom Cleaning

Clean after a steamy bath or shower. The walls, fixtures, etc., will be much easier to clean because the steam will have loosened the dirt.

Cleaning the Sink

For light stains, rub with a fresh cut lemon.