Green Cleaning Life Hacks









10 ways to use Lemons around the home

When life gives you lemons make lemonade – or you could clean your home with these handy hacks. This natural citrus fruit has high acidic properties that make it a great grease-stripper and sanitizer and alternative to bleach.

- 1. Mix up three tablespoons of lemon juice with 12 ounces of water into **microwave** safe bowl and heat it up for 5 minutes. The steam will loosen grease and dried-on bits of food. Now, use a cloth or sponge to easily wipe them up.
- 2. If you want fresher, **cleaner** smelling **dishes**, place a half of a lemon into your dishwasher before running it. You can also add a teaspoon of lemon juice to your liquid dish soap for extra de-greasing power when hand washing dishes
- 3. When you have **copper** pots you need polished, rub a cloth soaked in lemon juice on them and then simply buff with a dry cloth to polish
- 4. For wooden bowls/boards and utensils that have started to smell despite being cleaned, simply rub them with a piece of lemon. Don't rinse. The lemon will take away that odor as it dries
- 5. To remove odors from the refrigerator easily, all you need to do is dab a bit of lemon juice on a cotton ball or sponge and leave it inside for several hours. The bad smell should then be eliminated
- 6. Mix the juice of 1 lemon with 2 cups water and pour that into your **kettle**. Bring it to a boil and then let cool. Empty out the kettle and give it a few good rinses and voila, your kettle should be shiny and clean once again
- 7. Rusty knives if you have knives that have been sitting in a drawer and gone a little rusty rub them with a half lemon dipped in salt.
- 8. If you need to get rid of a foul **smell** on your hands, rub lemon peels on them
- 9. Lemon and salt can also remove mildew from **shower curtains**. First, soak the curtain in salt water for 10 to 15 minutes. Drain the water and rub the stains with a cut piece of lemon. Rinse it with water and hang it up to dry.
- 10. Add few drops of lemon oil to your hoover bag to freshen it up

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