



How to Repurpose Everyday Items to Solve Common Household Problems

Looking for a smoother shave or reduce static cling? Sure there are gadgets galore to help you fix everyday problems but instead why not save a load of cash and try some DIY fixes that work just as well (maybe even better).

Steps

- 1 Eliminate weeds in your garden using newspaper.** Surround your plants with wet newspaper in order to prevent weeds from making a home in your garden.
 - Place layers of wet newspaper around the plants, overlapping as you work your way around the greenery.
 - Cover with mulch to hide the newsprint.
- 2 Remove small pieces of broken glass using wet cotton balls.** In the case where a light bulb or vase shatters, glass can be scattered for quite a distance. Often small pieces of glass go undetected until someone steps on a small shard, even if you've been diligent about picking up the pieces.
 - Wet a cotton ball and run it over the area where glass may be hiding.
 - The glass automatically sticks to the cotton.
 - Go over the area several times to ensure you have removed all the glass.
- 3 Reach hard to access areas by adding an empty gift roll or paper towel roll to the end of your vacuum extension.**
 - Firmly fit the roll into the end of the extension. Consider either taping it into place if you don't have a perfect fit. Use painter's tape if you are going to tape it so it can be easily removed and won't damage your vacuum extension.
 - Bend and fit roll into hard to reach areas or flatten it for the narrow places that need to be vacuumed.
- 4 Reduce or eliminate static cling using a simple safety pin.** One small safety pin placed along the seam (on the inside) of skirts, dresses or pants will remove clingy clothing.
- 5 De-fog your windshield with an old fashioned chalkboard eraser.** Keep the eraser in your glove box and when the windshield becomes overwhelmed with fog or condensation, wipe it clean using this handy device. The eraser works better than a simple cloth and can be easily stored for future use.
- 6 Achieve a cleaner, smoother shave using hair conditioner.** While men may be tempted to use this on their beard, this method is best used on finer hair such as the legs.
 - Slather the area with conditioner and shave to leave your legs clean and smooth as silk.
- 7 Obtain a completely clean dryer filter by removing residue every six months.** Although you may remove dryer lint between uses, using dryer sheets can create a build up within your vent, posing a possible fire hazard and reducing your machine's ability to work efficiently.
 - Combine regular dish soap with hot water in a small bowl.
 - Dip a toothbrush into the soapy water and scrub the filter on both sides.
 - Rinse well and allow to dry completely before replacing it in the machine.

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Tips

- Use a piece of fresh bread to attract small, microscopic pieces of glass in the event you don't have cotton balls on hand. Don't forget to discard the bread after you are done!

Things You'll Need

- Cotton balls
- Newspaper
- Empty paper towel or gift wrap roll
- Safety pin (small)
- Hair conditioner
- Chalkboard eraser
- Toothbrush
- Dish soap