

# Hard Water Spot and Stain Removal

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## 1. Clean Soap Scum with a Spray Bottle

To get rid of widespread soap scum in your shower, try mixing together half white distilled vinegar and half water in a spray bottle. Let the solution sit for a few minutes before wiping down the shower. The acidity of the vinegar helps to combat the alkaline minerals in the hard water deposits. You may want to use a squeegee on glass shower doors and mirrors.

## 2. Stained Fixtures

If the area around your sinks or other fixtures contains a lot of chalky residue, soak some paper towels in white vinegar and wrap them around the base of the fixture. Leave the wet towels in place for about an hour. Then, rinse it with water and wipe away the remaining scum.

## 3. Toilet Hard Water Stains

For toilets with ugly hard water spots, try pouring a mixture of either vinegar and baking soda, or vinegar and Borax in the bowl. As you may already know, these combinations will create a fizzy chemical reaction that could help you clean away stains with your toilet brush.

Use about a cup of baking soda with one cup of white vinegar. Or if you use Borax, mix a quarter cup to one cup of vinegar.

## 4. Make a Stain-Fighting Paste

For particularly stubborn stains, such as those found on grout and ceramic tile, you can use Borax or baking soda with white vinegar to create a paste. In this case, you'd use less vinegar and more of the powdered ingredient to form a thicker substance, which you can spread on problem areas.

After applying the paste to the stain, wait about 15 minutes before scrubbing it away.

## 5. Clogged Showerheads

If your shower seems to be gradually losing water pressure, it may be that the showerhead has become calcified with mineral deposits from hard water. To solve this problem, remove the showerhead and let it soak in a container of white vinegar for a few hours before scrubbing it with a brush.

Don't want to take off the showerhead? Another technique some homeowners use is mixing vinegar and baking soda in a plastic bag and placing the solution over the showerhead with a rubber band to let it soak.

## 6. Lemon Juice Solution

If you go to your pantry and realize you've used all your white vinegar for other household cleaning hacks, you could also try using lemon juice. The cleaning experts at [Maid Brigade](#) say spraying lemon juice on faucets and fixtures with hard water stains is an effective alternative to chemical cleaners.