

Something smells funny!

Give your home a fresh clean smell using these handy tips.

Daily living can be a smelly business. If you want to get rid of some of those unpleasant odours, here's how.



In the kitchen

■ **Dishwashers:** Sprinkle the bottom of the dishwasher with baking soda and allow it to sit for a few hours or overnight. Run the normal cycle to flush away the baking soda.

■ **Microwaves:** Clean the microwave and get rid of odours with vinegar. Place 1/4 cup of white vinegar and 1 cup of water in a glass bowl and microwave on high for five minutes. Open the door and allow steam to escape before you wipe down the walls.

■ **Refrigerators:** Cut an orange, lemon or grapefruit in half and discard the pulp. Place in a bowl and fill the hollowed out fruit with salt. Put in the fridge and leave for a couple of weeks. The citrus gives a nice fresh smell and the salt absorbs odours.

■ **Garbage disposals:** Use citrus rinds to freshen the disposal. Drop in the rinds of oranges, lemons, limes or grapefruits and run cold water while the rinds are ground up.

■ **Cutting boards:** Make a thick paste of baking soda and water and rub the board thoroughly. Rinse well. You can also use lemon or lime juice to cut strong odours. Just rub the board well after washing with hot, soapy water.



Pets

■ **Pet beds:** Sprinkle baking soda on your pet's bed between laundering. Let it sit for 30 minutes and then vacuum or shake off the soda.

■ **Bathing:** Add 3 Tbsp. of baking soda to the rinse water to help keep your pet's coat smelling fresh and look glossy.

■ **Urine odours:** Even though you clean up after a 'mishap' on the carpet, the smell often permeates the under-padding as well. Make a solution that is half warm water and half white vinegar. Pour it over the area and allow it to soak into the padding. Leave for 20-30 minutes. Wash the spot with cool water to get out the vinegar, then dry thoroughly. You may want to use a hair dryer to help dry things out. When completely dry, sprinkle the area with baking soda, then vacuum.



Bedrooms

■ **Mattresses:** Accidents happen and if they do, dampen the spot with water and sprinkle with borax. Allow the mattress to dry and then vacuum the area. If you wish, you can sponge the spot with white vinegar and rinse with warm water before you apply the borax. Keep your mattresses generally fresh smelling by sprinkling baking soda over the whole surface. Let it sit for a few hours and then vacuum. ✨



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