

Great ideas when it comes to Clorox Bleach – Read it and weep!!!

(Found this information on several different sites!)

That bottle of Clorox® bleach in the laundry room isn't just for washing white loads of laundry. There's many uses for bleach in the home and in a tough economy when families are looking for ways to save money, that bottle of Clorox® can be used in place of an array of household cleaners and chemicals. That means families can save money since they won't need to purchase all those household cleaners on that next trip to the grocery store.

Uses for Bleach in the Bathroom and Kitchen

The bathroom and kitchen are two areas of the home where there's many different ways to use bleach.

- Bleach is perfect for killing mold and mildew in the bathroom. A bit of bleach in a spray bottle can be used as a cleaner in the bathroom for grout, tile, shower walls and bathtubs. Bleach is especially good for cleaning porcelain, particularly older porcelain sinks or toilets that may be pitted due to age.
- Pouring a cup of bleach into the toilet water will remove the dirty ring in the toilet. Bleach can also be used in place of toilet cleaner by pouring a cup of bleach into the toilet tank. Then, flush the toilet and use a toilet brush to scrub the bowl as the toilet fills.
- In some regions, it's not uncommon to see flies in the sink of the bathroom or kitchen. These flies live in the drains. To kill flies living in the drain, pour a bit of bleach down the drain on a weekly basis. This will also help prevent odors.
- When washing the dishes, a spoonful of bleach can be added to the dish water when washing glassware to increase sheen and eliminate water spots on the glass.

It's important to avoid using bleach in combination with ammonia and other household chemicals; this can cause a chemical reaction that can damage surfaces.

Bleach Uses in the Home

- Bleach is a great disinfectant and it's easy to make a homemade disinfecting spray using one tablespoon of bleach for every gallon of water. The solution can then be put into a spray bottle and used to disinfect countertops, trash cans, tile floors, and anything else that could normally be cleaned using an antibacterial surface cleaner.
- A disinfecting bath for children's toys, pet toys, and other plastics can be made by adding a half cup of bleach to a gallon of warm water and a spoonful of dish soap. After allowing the items to soak for ten minutes, a scrub brush can be used to scrub the items before rinsing.

Other Ways to Use Bleach in the Garden or Yard

- Bleach makes a great weed killer, though it's important to remember that undiluted bleach can also kill grass and other non-weed plants. So when using bleach to kill weeds, it's best suited for areas where there's no other plants around. Pour undiluted bleach onto weeds in patios, driveways and walkways; after a day or two, return to remove the weed remnants.
- Diluted bleach can be beneficial to cut flowers. By adding one-quarter of a teaspoon of bleach to a vase of water, one can extend the life of cut flowers by inhibiting bacteria growth.
- Bleach also works well as a way to remove mildew and mold from concrete on walkways and patios. Mix one-half cup of bleach for each gallon of water and pour onto the walkway, patio or other concrete

surface. After allowing the solution to sit for ten minutes, pour additional bleach and water solution onto the mildewy or moldy concrete patio, walkway or driveway and use a wire brush to remove any remaining mold and mildew.

- This method also works to remove stains from concrete. The solution can also be poured into a spray bottle used to clean stucco and painted house siding, though in the case of cleaning a home's siding, a stiff scrub brush should be used instead of the wire brush.
- The bleach disinfection solution (1 tablespoon of bleach per every gallon of water) can also be used to clean plastic kids' play equipment, outdoor toys, and plastic lawn furniture.

As with any cleaner, it's a wise decision to do a spot test if there's any question about whether a surface or item can tolerate the bleach solution.

- **Extend the life of freshly cut flowers.** Add one-quarter teaspoon (twenty drops) of Clorox bleach to each quart of water used in your vase.
- **Deodorize coolers and thermos bottles.** Wash with diluted Clorox bleach, then rinse.
- **Remove mold and mildew from outdoor siding, tile, brick, stucco, and patios.** Clean with a mixture of three-quarters cup Clorox bleach per gallon of water.
- **Remove coffee or tea stains from china cups.** Soak clean china cups for five to ten minutes in a solution of one tablespoon Clorox bleach per gallon of water.
- **Disinfect garbage cans.** Wash the garbage cans with a solution made from three-quarter cup Clorox bleach to one gallon water. Let stand for five minutes, then rinse clean.
- **Bail a boat.** Cap an empty, clean Clorox bleach bottle, cut diagonally across the bottom, and scoop out the water.
- **Make a scooper.** Cap a empty, clean Clorox bleach bottle, cut diagonally across the bottom, and use it to scoop up flour, sugar, rice, dog food, sand, fertilizer, or snow.
- **Make a pooper scooper.** Cut a empty, clean Clorox bleach jug in half. Use the half with the handle to scoop.
- **Clean butcher blocks to prevent bacteria from breeding.** Wash the cutting board with hot, sudsy water and rinse clean. Then apply a solution of three tablespoons Clorox bleach per gallon of water. Keep wet for two minutes, then rinse clean.
- **Make a hot cap.** Cut off the bottom of an empty, clean Clorox bleach jug and place the jug over seedlings. Take the cap off during the day, and replace the cap at night. To anchor these hot caps, simply cut off the top of the handle, insert a sharp stick, and drive the stick into the ground.
- **Remove stains from baby clothes.** Mix one-quarter cup Clorox bleach to one gallon of water in a plastic bucket. Add colorfast clothes and soak for five minutes. Rinse well, then run the clothes through a regular cycle in the washing machine.
- **Sift soil.** Cut the bottom off an empty, clean Clorox bleach bottle at an angle to make a scooper. Insert a six-inch-diameter piece of one-quarter-inch hardware cloth to rest above the handle hole. Scoop up dirt, sift through the narrow opening, and stones will be caught by the hardware cloth.

- **Make a fishing or boating buoy.** Cap an empty, clean Clorox bleach jug tightly, tie a rope to the handle, and tie a weight to the other end of the rope. These buoys can also be strung together to mark swimming and boating areas.
- **Make a carrier for small children's toys and crayons.** Cut a hole in the side of an empty, clean Clorox bleach jug opposite the handle.
- **Clean mops.** Rinse mops in a bucket of sudsy water and three-quarters cup of Clorox bleach per gallon of water.
- **Clean caulking around bathtubs.** Scrub with a solution of three-quarters cup Clorox bleach to a gallon of water.
- **Make a clothespin holder.** Cut a hole in the side of an empty, clean Clorox bleach jug opposite the handle, and punch a small holes in the bottom for drainage. Hang your new clothespin holder on the clothesline.
- **Whiten a porcelain sink.** Fill the sink with a solution of three-quarters cup Clorox bleach per gallon of water. Let sit for five minutes.
- **Make a paint bucket.** Cut a hole in the side of an empty, clean Clorox bleach jug opposite the handle.
- **Make an anchor.** Fill an empty, clean Clorox bleach bottle with cement.
- **Clean a toilet bowl.** Pour in one cup Clorox bleach. Let it stand for ten minutes. Brush and flush.
- **Clean a rubber sink mat.** Fill the sink with water, add one-quarter cup Clorox bleach, and soak the sink mat five to ten minutes.
- **Improvise a funnel.** Cut an empty, clean Clorox bottle in half, remove the cap, and keep it in the trunk of your car as an emergency funnel for motor oil, antifreeze, and water.
- **Make a bird feeder.** Cut a hole in the side of an empty, clean Clorox bleach jug opposite the handle.
- **Freshen old sponges.** Soak sponges for five to ten minutes in a mixture of three-quarters cup Clorox bleach per gallon of water, then rinse well.
- **Make a hip bucket for harvesting fruits or berries.** Cut a large hole in the side of an empty, clean Clorox bleach bottle opposite the handle, then string your belt through the handle.
- **Clean mildew from shower curtains, shower caddies, bath mats, and plastic soap dishes.** Place all the bathroom accessories into the bathtub, fill with two gallons water, and add one and a half cups Clorox bleach. Soak for five to ten minutes, then rinse and drain. The Clorox bleach also will have cleaned the bathtub also, so sponge it down too.
- **Deodorize the garbage disposal in your sink.** Pour Clorox bleach down your drain, then run the hot water for two minutes.
- **Make dumbbells.** Fill two empty, clean Clorox bleach bottles with sand.
- **Make a megaphone.** Remove the cap and cut off the bottom of an empty, clean Clorox bleach bottle.
- **Clean mildew from grout.** Mix three-quarters cup Clorox bleach with one gallon of water, and use an old tooth brush to scrub off the mildew.
- **Store rock salt for melting snow.** Ice melting products are much easier to dispense from Clorox bleach bottles.

- **Make glasses sparkle and silverware shine.** Add a capful of Clorox bleach to the dishwasher.

My Clorox Bleach and I go way back. My great grandmother used it all the time. Both my grandma and mom used it. It seemed that Clorox Bleach was being used all the time for different things. As I have grown older, I find myself using Clorox Bleach. I use it for so many purposes I cannot imagine my life without Clorox Bleach.

Sure, I have used generic brand bleach. Still, it seems to lack the purity of my Clorox Bleach. The price ranges are all basically the same. The generic brands seem to be only a few cents cheaper than Clorox bleach.

There are not many features to my Clorox bleach. It is a clear liquid sold in a plastic jug. One feature I have noted recently is the fragrant varieties. Fragrants I have seen added to Clorox bleach include lemon, and floral scents. I, personally, do not see the sense in this. I use the plain and simple unadulterated Clorox bleach. The features are far outweighed by the uses.

There are so many uses for my Clorox bleach, I hope I touch upon most of them here. I like my Clorox bleach since I can mix with it with water in a spray bottle. In turn, I use this bleached water mixture to disinfect my shower. It works on both my tub floor and shower walls. That is pretty convenient. It also does wonders on the shower curtain.

In addition to disinfecting my shower, my Clorox bleach can remove mildew and mold from bathroom tiles and my rubber shower mat. I just spray my bleach mixture on, wait about 15 minutes, and scrub. Nice.

I use this bleach mixture to clean my toilet. It makes a great disinfect spray for dirt cheap! It can also be used to clean countertops, plastic tablecloths, and lawn furniture.

I can also disinfect my garbage cans with my Clorox bleach mixture. I simply spray it in the can, take a damp cloth, and wipe a bit. Simple.

My Clorox bleach mixture can also keep my linoleum floors clean. I simply either spray it or wipe it on. Then, gently scrub the floors. Almost instant shine!

Speaking of the kitchen, my Clorox bleach is great for cleaning refrigerators, both inside and out. I just spray it on and scrub. Same can be said of my cutting boards.