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CLEANING BATHROOM AND SHOWER FIXTURES

I. Cleaning Bathroom and Shower Fixtures

- The best cleaning method for shower heads and faucets depends on composition. To remove lime from shower heads made with chrome, stainless steel, or other protected metal surfaces, fill a plastic bag with white vinegar. Attach the bag over the shower head with a rubber band.
- Wait one hour, then remove the bag of vinegar and turn on the shower to flush away the vinegar and sediment. Polish with a soft cloth.
- For fixtures with oil-rubbed bronze or brass finishes, it is often recommended that you use only water for cleaning. This is especially true of fixtures with "living finishes" that are intended to change over time. Refer to the manufacturer's care instructions since cleansers can damage a specialty surface. And if in doubt, always test a cleaning product on an inconspicuous part of the fixture so that any damage to the finish is hard to spot.

CLEANING SHOWER DOORS, AND BATHTUBS

II. Bathtubs

- Porcelain or ceramic bathtubs should be cleaned with either a general-purpose cleaner, vinegar and water, or a paste made from baking soda and water. Never use undiluted bleach on a porcelain tub because of the danger of pitting. Undiluted bleach can remove the finish on porcelain, which "pits" it — making it look and feel rough. Use a stain-removing cleanser on rust.
- Acrylic and fiberglass tubs do not have pores in them so they're easy to keep clean with a small amount of dish soap and water. Wipe the surface of the tub with a soft cloth for ongoing maintenance. If you, or someone in your household, use bath oils, wipe down the tub immediately after bathing to avoid scum build-up.

III. Shower Doors

- Begin by wetting the shower glass with the shower sprayer or splashing the walls with a bucket.
- Fill a spray bottle with white vinegar, and use it to thoroughly saturate the glass.



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- Let the vinegar soak in for at least 10 minutes. Let it soak even longer if there's significant buildup.
- Dip a scrub sponge into baking soda, and scrub the glass. The baking soda acts as an abrasive, while the vinegar dissolves the hard water spots and soap scum.
- Once you're satisfied and the glass looks clean, rinse it off with fresh water.
- Dry the glass with a microfiber cloth, and use glass cleaner to finish cleaning the glass, trim and towel hangers.