



Cornstarch, mayonnaise, and 11 other weird kitchens items you can use to spring clean your home



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Spring is here, so that means it's time to clean and freshen up your home. But if you're anything like us, scrubbing and dusting aren't your idea of a good time. Beyond that, household cleaners can get pretty pricey — not to mention the fact that they often leave your home smelling like a gross mix of chemicals for a good amount of time. Like we said, it's not exactly fun. Luckily, there are ways to make your spring cleaning a little more enjoyable and a lot less pricey. All you have to do is get creative.

"You may be surprised to find that instead of purchasing fancy cleaners, you can spring clean your house with items you find in your house every day," Meg Roberts, president of the residential cleaning service [Molly Maid](#), tells HelloGiggles. She says many common household items can serve as low-cost methods for removing stains and build-up, without the harsh chemicals you typically get with store-bought products.

So if you want to do some spring cleaning this weekend, head to the kitchen.

It may seem a little weird, but your pantry could hold the key to all your spring cleaning needs. Here are some unusual kitchen items you can use to spring clean your home.



1 *Paper lunch bag*

Banish oily couch stains using a simple paper lunch bag. According to Roberts, all you need to do is place the paper bag on the oily spot to absorb the grease, then run a warm iron over it to lift the spot away. This method works best on non-leather couches.

2 *Corn starch*

If your leather furniture has any oily spots, Roberts suggests sprinkling a little bit of corn starch on the stain and letting it sit for two to four hours. Afterwards, wipe away the cornstarch and be surprised to find the oily spot gone.

3 *Non gel toothpaste*

This tip will definitely appeal to those with artsy kids who like to create masterpieces on the walls. According to Roberts, using a non-gel toothpaste with a scrub brush can help to gently wash away any markings left on your walls by crayons.

4 *Mayonnaise*



Love it or hate it, mayo can be an effective spring cleaning tool. Use it to remove water marks and rings left on wooden furniture. Says Roberts, “Dab a quarter-size amount of mayo on a towel and scrub the surface. Within seconds, the stains will disappear.” But mayonnaise isn’t the only condiment you can use to clean your house...

5 *Ketchup*

Ketchup can leave annoying stains on your clothes, but it can be useful for polishing your appliances. According to Roberts, using a dollop of ketchup on a cloth or towel can help polish silverware, as well as copper and brass appliances.

6 *Lemon or orange juice powder mix*

If you’re looking to get rid of rust, powdered lemon or orange juice mix can be effective. “Rub the mixture on the surface of your metal appliances and the citric acid from the drink powder will eat away at the rust,” Roberts says.

