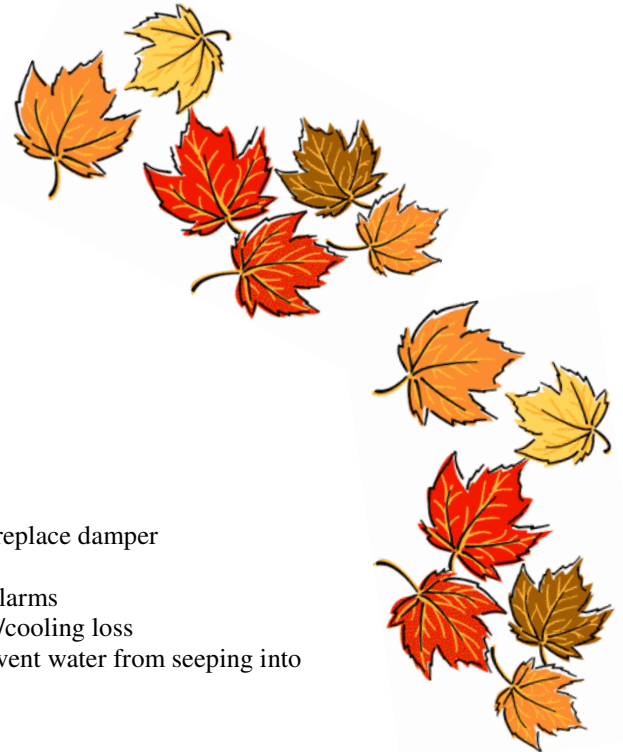


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Fall Tips for your Home

- Check all window and door locks for proper operation
- Check your home for water leaks
- Review your fire escape plan with your family
- Make sure there are working nightlights at the top and bottom of all stairs
- Have a heating professional check your heating system every year
- Protect your home from frozen pipes
- Replace your furnace filter
- Run all gas-powered lawn equipment until the fuel is gone
- Test your emergency generator
- Have a certified chimney sweep inspect and clean the flues and check your fireplace damper
- Remove bird nests from chimney flues and outdoor electrical fixtures
- Inspect and clean dust from the covers of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
- Make sure the caulking around doors and windows is adequate to reduce heat/cooling loss
- Make sure that the caulking around your bathroom fixtures is adequate to prevent water from seeping into the sub-flooring

Five Fall Tips for Your Lawn and Yard

Fall yard care means putting your yard to rest for the winter so that it will come back looking better than ever next spring. Here are the top five things you need to do this fall to have a great lawn and yard next year.

- ◆ **Mowing and fertilizing for the last time**

Mow your lawn as long as it is actively growing. Continue to follow the one-third rule cut only one-third off the height of your lawn each time you mow. Your final fertilizer application is typically done in October.

- ◆ **Kill dandelions now**

Fall is the best time to kill this perennial broadleaf weed. Next springs dandelions begin to grow in the fall

- ◆ **Now is the best time to seed your lawn**

Autumn, with its warm days and cool nights, is the perfect time to seed your lawn. Also, the sun and heat won't dry out the seeded areas as quickly as in summer.

- ◆ **Take care of your lawn mower**

Give your lawn mower its annual tune up now and you'll be ready to go next spring. Don't forget to either run your gas tank dry or add fuel preservative to the gasoline to keep it fresh over winter.

- ◆ **Handling the fallout**

If you have lots of leaves on your lawn, you'll have to collect them via rake, blower or vacuum attachment on your riding mower. If you don't have many leaves, you can mow over them, which chops them and leaves them on your lawn as a natural fertilizer. Leaves also make great compost.



REMEMBER: WE DO HOME INSPECTIONS!

See page 4 of this issue for contact info!

HOW TO...

Open a Locked Interior Door

So your interior door got locked and you can't get it open? Different door knobs have different types of locks. Check out the steps below to see the various ways that a locked door can be easily opened.

Some door knobs, like this one, can be open by simply inserting and turning a flathead screwdriver.



- ◆ **Special Key**—Some door knobs come with a special key that can be inserted into a small hole in the middle of the knob and turned to unlock it. If you do not have this key, you may be able to order it from the door knob manufacturer but you can probably just use a very narrow flathead screwdriver instead. Just insert the tool (or the screwdriver) into the hole and turn it. This should unlock the door.



- ◆ **Inserting Metal Hanger**—Some door knobs have a push button lock. These can be opened simply by pushing something long and narrow, such as a metal hanger, into the hole.



- ◆ **Using a Credit Card**—If none of the above methods work for you, you can try prying the wood strip from the door just enough to get a credit card (or similar device) in between the wood strip and the door frame. Push the credit card in so that it causes the metal tongue to retract in its hole, thus allowing the door to open.

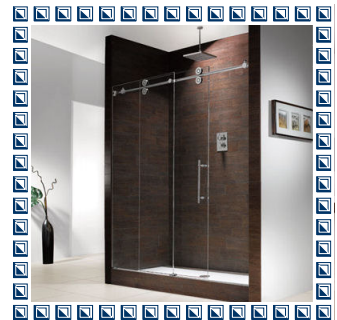
How to Keep a Shower Door Clean

Things You'll Need:

- Rain-X

Nobody likes to clean a bathroom or shower but the fact is that with daily use in a wet environment showers often need more care than most people would prefer to provide. Many products exist to allow you to squeegee a shower or spray it with mysterious chemicals but I've found minimal success with these methods. Instead, I highly recommend using Rain-X which is the industry leader for keeping automobile windshield water repellent. This same product is phenomenal for shower doors!

- ◆ To make this work effectively, you must start with a clean shower door. The effort obviously depends on the current state of the glass. Windex is an obvious choice but if it has been some time since a thorough cleaning was conducted, you may need to utilize CLR if you are dealing with a great deal of grime or mineral deposits. Elbow grease also works very well!
- ◆ Once the door is clean make sure that it is dry.
- ◆ After cleaning and drying the door, you can apply the Rain-X. Follow the instructions on the bottle. It is very simple – simply apply with a soft cloth in a circular motion. After applying, buff with a different clean cloth.
- ◆ Once you have applied the Rain-X, you will notice that water simply beads up and slides down the door without any residue. Keep an eye on the shower and reapply the Rain-X as needed. One good method is to simply reapply at the beginning of each month – it takes some time but it is much easier than dealing with scrubbing and other chemicals that require scrubbing and provide no long lasting protection.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."
~Winston Churchill~

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- WASHINGTON
- WILSON

What word?

Can you guess what ONE word we are describing? It is just ONE word and this can get a little tricky but fun.

Example:

Clue: Display the animal hair

"Literal" Answer: Show Fur

End Answer: Chauffeur

Get it??

See how many you can solve.

1. Two bangs
2. 2 + 2, plaster healer
3. Viewed equine
4. Ash Colored, 22nd letter
5. Square opposite, stumble
6. Not Hot, holiday meat
7. Wagon, Tire
8. Church bench, leg joint
9. Bake the novel
10. Ringer, young man

**Answers elsewhere
in this issue**

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"Sorry, but you're in violation of building codes. You can only use lo-cal hi-fiber wood here."



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**TIP'S FROM THE PROFESSIONALS -
 STEVE'S HIGHLIGHTS**

Make Your House Smell Good for Days

The first step you can take to make your house smell fantastic for days is washing the mirrors or even windows with a spray air freshener or *Febreze*. Spray the air freshener on the mirror or windows that need to be cleaned just as you would any other cleaning product. Wipe clean and the fresh scent from the spray will leave your house smelling good for days.

The second way you can make your home spell appealing throughout the week is by spraying your light bulbs in lamps with perfume or cologne. Wait until the light bulb has been off long enough to cool down (it should be cool to the touch). Spray or sprits on perfume or cologne onto the light bulb and you will have a lovely scent in each room when the light is turned on.

One last tip. For wonderfully smelling clothes, towels or linens, you can place one or two dryer sheets in your dresser drawers or linen cabinets. Your clothes and towels will smell freshly washed for weeks to come.



What Word Answers

1. Parachutes
2. Forecast
3. Sawhorse
4. Gravy
5. Roundtrip
6. Cold-turkey
7. Cartwheel
8. Puny
9. Cookbook
10. Bellboy

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Cavemen had a hard time putting up their building permits.