

Household Hints by the bushel

- 1---Stuff a miniature marshmallow in the bottom of a sugar cone to prevent icecream drips
- 2---Use a meat baster to "squeeze" your pancake batter onto the hot griddle-perfect shaped pancakes every time.
- 3---To keep potatoes from budding, place an apple in the bag with the potatoes.
- 4---To prevent egg shells from cracking, add a pinch of salt to the water before hard-boiling.
- 5---Run your hands under cold water before pressing Rice Krispies treats in the pan-the marshmallow won't stick to your fingers.

- 6---To get the most juice out of fresh lemons, bring them to room temperature and roll them under your palm against the kitchen counter before squeezing.
- 7---To easily remove burnt on food from your skillet, simply add a drop or two of dish soap and enough water to cover bottom of pan, and bring to a boil on stove-top-skillet will be much easier to clean now
- 8---Spray your Tupperware with nonstick cooking spray before pouring in tomato-based sauces-no more stains.
- 9---When a cake recipe calls for flouring the baking pan, use a bit of the dry cake mix instead-no white mess on the outside of the cake.
- 10---If you accidentally over-salt a dish while it's still cooking, drop in a peeled potato-it absorbs the excess salt for an instant "fix me up".

- 11---Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting in the refrigerator-it will keep for weeks.
- 12---Brush beaten egg white over pie crust before baking to yield a beautiful glossy finish.
- 13---Place a slice of apple in hardened brown sugar to soften it back up.
- 14---When boiling corn on the cob, add a pinch of sugar to help bring out the corn's natural sweetness.
- 15---To determine whether an egg is fresh, immerse it in a pan of cool, salted water. If it sinks, it is fresh-if it rises to the surface, throw it away.

- 16---Cure for headaches: Take a lime, cut it in half and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.
- 17---Don't throw out all that leftover wine: Freeze into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces.
- 18---If you have problem opening jars: Try using latex dishwashing gloves. They give a non-slip grip that makes opening jars easy.
- 19---Potatoes will take food stains off your fingers. Just slice and rub raw potato on the stains and rinse with water.
- 20---To get rid of itch from mosquito bite. Try applying soap on the area instant relief.

- 21---Ants, ants, ants everywhere ... Well, they are said to never cross a chalk line. So get your chalk out and draw a line on the floor or wherever ants tend to march-see for yourself.
- 22---Use air-freshener to clean mirrors: It does a good job and better still, leave a lovely smell to the shine.

23---When you get a splinter, reach for the scotch tape before resorting to tweezers or a needle. Simply put the scotch tape over the splinter,then pull it off. Scotch tape removes most splinters painlessly and easily.

24--- If your VCR has a year setting on it, which most do, you will not be able to use the programmed recording feature after 12/31/99.

Don't throw it away. Instead set it for the year 1972 as the days are the same as the year 2000. The manufacturers won't tell you.

They want you to buy a newY2k VCR.

25----NOW Look what you can do with Alka Seltzer(!):

Clean a toilet. Drop in two Alka-Seltzer tablets, wait twenty minutes,brush, and flush.

The citric acid and effervescent action clean vitreous china.

Clean a vase. To remove a stain from the bottom of a glass vase or cruet, fill with water and drop in two Alka-Seltzer tablets.

Polish jewelry. Drop two Alka-Seltzer tablets into a glass of water and immerse the jewelry for two minutes.

Clean a thermos bottle. Fill the bottle with water, drop in four Alka-Seltzer tablets, and let soak for an hour (or longer, if necessary).

Unclog a drain Clear the sink drain by dropping three Alka-Seltzer tablets down the drain followed by a cup of Heinz White Vinegar Wait a few minutes, then run the hot water.

HELPFUL HINTS

- * Budweiser beer conditions the hair
- * Pam cooking spray will dry finger nail polish
- * Cool whip will condition your hair in 15 min
- * Mayonnaise will KILL LICE, it will also condition your hair
- * Elmers Glue-paint on your face, allow it to dry, peel off and see the dead skin and blackheads if any
- * Shiny Hair-use brewed Lipton Tea
- * Sunburn -empty a large jar of Nestea into your bath water
- * Minor burn-Colgate or Crest toothpaste
- * Burn your tongue? put sugar on it!

- * Arthritis? WD-40 Spray and rub in, kill insect stings too
- * Bee stings - meat tenderizer
- * Chigger bite - Preparation H
- * Puffy eyes - Preparation H
- * Paper cut - crazy glue or chap stick (glue is used instead of sutures at most hospitals)

- * Stinky feet - Jell-O!!
- * Athletes feet - cornstarch
- * Fungus on toenails or fingernails - Vicks vapor rub
- * Kool aid to clean dishwasher pipes. Just put in the detergent section and run a cycle, it will also clean a toilet.
- * Kool Aid can be used as a dye in paint also

* Kool aid in Dannon plain yogurt as a finger paint, your kids will love it and it won't hurt them if they eat it!

* Peanut butter - will get scratches out of CD's! Wipe off with a coffee filter paper (a word of caution...I have never tried this one...Jmax)

* Sticking bicycle chain - Pam no-stick cooking spray

* Pam will also remove paint, and grease from your hands! Keep a can in your garage for your hubby

* Peanut butter will remove ink from the face of dolls

* When the doll clothes are hard to put on, sprinkle with corn starch and watch them slide on

* Heavy dandruff - pour on the vinegar!

* Body paint - Crisco mixed with food coloring. Heat the Crisco in the microwave, pour into an empty film container and mix with the food color of your choice!

* Tie Dye T-Shirt - mix a solution of Kool Aid in a container, tie a rubber band around a section of the T-shirt and soak

* Preserving a newspaper clipping - large bottle of club soda and 1/2 cup of milk of magnesia, soak for 20 min. and let dry, will last for many years!

* A Slinky will hold toast and CD's!

* To keep goggles and glasses from fogging, coat with Colgate toothpaste

* Stay-Free Maxi Pads- clean window, floors, just stick to the palm of your hands and work! Can also be used as a knee pad.

* Pampers as an absorbent! Remove stains from the carpet with club soda, and a pamper to absorb. Wine stains, pour on the Morton salt and watch it absorb into the salt.

* To remove wax - Take a paper towel and iron it over the wax stain, it will absorb into the towel.

* Remove labels off glassware etc. rub with peanut butter!

* Baked on food -fill container with water, get a Bounce paper softener and the static from the Bounce towel will cause the baked on food to adhere to it. Soak overnight. Also; you can use 2 Efferdent tablets, soak overnight!

* Crayon on the wall - Colgate toothpaste and brush it!

* Dirty grout - Listerine

* Stains on clothes - Colgate

* Grass stains - Karo Syrup

* Grease Stains-Coca Cola, it will also remove grease stains from the driveway overnight. We know it will take corrosion from batteries!

* Sweat Stains - Efferdent, or vinegar

* Use a Maxi-Pad in your cap as a sweat band (Of course I think I would staple this or pin it in. ... you wouldn't want this to drop on the ground)

* Fleas in your carpet? 20 Mule Team Borax-sprinkle and let stand for 24 hours. Maybe this will work if you get them back again.

* To keep FRESH FLOWERS longer Add a little Clorox, or 2 Bayer aspirin, or just use 7-up instead of water
