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STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO SHOWER CLEANING

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Tips and tricks to remove limescale and leave your shower sparkling clean.



What will I need to remove limescale?

- An old spray bottle
- A solution of half water and half vinegar
- A non-scratch toothbrush, damp or dry cloth
- A plastic container or plastic bag

Let's face it, cleaning a shower is nobody's favourite household chore. Yet it's essential in order to keep your bathroom fresh and hygienic for longer.

That's why we've put together this guide on how to maintain and keep your shower looking brand new. You'll find easy and efficient ways to remove limescale from a shower without using branded products.

Read our handy guide today and get your shower enclosure or wetroom back to its sparkling best.

HOW TO REMOVE LIMESCALE

What is limescale?

If you're wondering what the chalky off-white crust is lurking in your shower, that's limescale. These calcium carbonate deposits build up wherever there's water – particularly hard water.

Why is limescale bad for your shower?

Limescale rears its ugly head as black, brown or yellow stains and can impact the functionality of your bathroom appliances, like bathroom taps, pipes and showerheads. So, it's important to prevent limescale from settling and remove it as soon as possible.

Showers (door, wall, tray)



If your shower door, showerwall or shower tray has lost its sparkle, simply spray the water and vinegar solution directly onto a cloth and gently rub the surface.

Do this until the limescale breaks down but be careful that you don't damage the surface. You may need to repeat this process several times. Finish by wiping off the residue with a damp cloth and buff to a sparkly shine with a dry cloth.



Showerhead (removeable)

To descale a showerhead, start by removing the head from the hose. Then put the showerhead in a plastic container with the solution and cover. We recommend leaving it for at least 30 minutes – if the showerhead is brass, don't leave for any longer.

Afterwards, take the showerhead out of the solution and rinse it with water. You may need to get rid of the excess limescale with a cloth or toothbrush. Then reattach it to the hose and turn the shower on to wash away any remaining deposits.

Showerhead (fixed)



If the showerhead is fixed, you will need to tie a thick plastic bag around the head that's filled with the solution. Make sure the showerhead is fully submerged so the solution can work its magic. You can secure the plastic bag with an elastic band.

Leave for a minimum of 30 minutes – if the showerhead is brass, don't leave for any longer. If you need to get rid of the excess limescale, use a cloth or toothbrush. Turn on the shower to wash away any remaining deposits.



Bathroom Taps

To avoid a build-up of limescale on bathroom taps, regularly spray your taps with the cleaning solution.

If there's already a heavy build-up of limescale, you'll need to use a stronger technique to remove the grime. Soak a cloth in the solution, wrap it around the tap and secure it with a rubber band.

Then leave it for a few hours – we recommend letting it soak overnight. After doing this, the limescale should come away easily, but you may need to use the cloth to remove remaining limescale.

LET'S RECAP!

TOP TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR SHOWER CLEAN

Keeping on top of your cleaning will not only save you time and effort in the long run, it's a simple and hygienic way to bring back that new bathroom sparkle.



Look out for limescale

A moist environment can be a breeding ground for germs, bacteria and mould. So, it's important to regularly descale – at least every 8 weeks. The longer limescale is left, the harder it is to remove.

Wipe and dry surfaces

A simple, yet sure-fire way to help reduce hard water deposits is to wipe down shower surfaces after every use.

Clean glass regularly

Ensure your glass shower door or shower screen is looking its best with minimal effort. Simply follow our 'how to remove limescale' steps to keep your glass looking new and shiny!

Air your bathroom

Open a window or use an extractor fan to air out the bathroom. This will help to prevent mould and bacteria from growing in nooks and crannies that lack air flow.



REMEMBER: PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN A CURE!