



## Tips for Maintaining a Clean Bathroom

As a resident if you are in a semi-private or private bathroom not maintained by university housekeeping, it's essential to keep your bathroom clean and free from mildew. Here are some helpful tips to make cleaning easier and maintain a hygienic environment:

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### Shower/Tub Cleaning

1. **Use a Squeegee:** After each shower, remove water from the walls and surfaces to prevent soap scum and mildew buildup.
  2. **Apply a Cleaning Spray:** Spray bathroom cleaner on the shower walls, rinse thoroughly, and dry.
  3. **Utilize Baking Soda:**
    - Sprinkle baking soda on the shower walls and scrub with a sponge.
    - For tougher stains, create a paste with baking soda and water and scrub.
  4. **Use a Brush:** A brush is more effective than a sponge for removing stubborn soap scum and mineral deposits.
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### Toilet Cleaning

1. **Regular Scrubbing:**
    - Clean the entire toilet surface, including under the rim.
    - Use a pumice stone for hard water deposits.
  2. **Disinfect:**
    - Wipe down the exterior with disinfectant spray or wipes.
    - Spray the seat and flush handle regularly to reduce the spread of germs.
  3. **Deep Cleaning:**
    - Deep clean at least once a week for a hygienic toilet.
    - Soak the toilet brush in a cleaning product after use to kill germs.
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## Wall Cleaning

1. **Bleach Solution:** Mix one part bleach with three parts water. Apply with a sponge or rag to kill mold and bacteria. Note: Use sparingly, as bleach can promote mold growth beneath the surface.
  2. **Vinegar Solution:** Mix one part vinegar with three parts water. Vinegar is effective on both porous and nonporous surfaces.
  3. **Baking Soda Paste:** Apply a paste of baking soda and water with a sponge or brush for tougher spots, such as grout.
  4. **Mildew Remover:** Use mildew-specific cleaners for long-term prevention.
  5. **Ammonia:** Neutralizes mold-produced toxins but should be used with caution.
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## Floor Cleaning

1. **Preparation:** Sweep or dry mop the floor to remove debris.
  2. **Mopping:**
    - Mix a cleaning solution (e.g., warm water and dish soap) in a bucket.
    - Mop with overlapping, figure-eight strokes, starting from the edges. Focus on high-traffic areas.
  3. **Avoid Oversaturation:** Minimize water use, especially on wood or laminate floors.
  4. **Wash and Dry:** Wash the mop regularly and dry the floor with a clean pad or Swiffer to prevent mold.
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By following these tips, you can ensure a safer and healthier environment for yourself and your roommates throughout the semester.