



All Hands On

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Cleaning your Range Hood

One of our client's recently requested advice on the best method to clean the mesh filters in their stove vent hood. Most of the commercially marketed cleaners have harsh chemicals and can even burn the skin.

So here is what we suggested:

- 4-5.5 Litres of hot water
- 1 cup distilled white vinegar
- 3 tablespoons dishwashing liquid
- 1 cup baking soda

Fill a tall pot with hot water and heat until it's almost at a simmer. As it begins to warm, stir in the vinegar and dish soap, then add the baking soda (a tablespoon at a time). It will fizz up slightly so keep stirring the ingredients as you add the baking soda until it's fully dissolved.

Once the ingredients are mixed, set the filter into the mixture and agitate it every minute for 3-5 minutes until it comes clean. When the submerged end becomes clean, flip it end-over-end to clean the other half of the filter. Repeat with the second filter and there you have it, you're clean and ready to go. Just rinse them in clean warm water to remove the cleaning residue.

When that is completed, lay out an old bath towel over the stove and with rubber gloves on, use the rough side of a sponge to clean the inside of the vent - generously applying the cleaning mixture. It does a great job, it's not harmful to the environment and it also helps clean your drain when you pour the mixture out.

If it seems to be losing its cleaning power, adding an additional 2 tablespoons of baking soda will most often bring it back to its former glory.