

SINK CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

PART 1 | Clean a Bathroom Sink

- 1** Wipe down the sink. Take a clean, wet cotton cloth or dish sponge and wipe down the interior of the sink. Try to get as much debris and grime as you can.
 - Make sure to wipe around the drain.
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 - Wipe down the sink on a daily basis, if needed. Rinse the sink. Make sure to rinse the sink before you use a bathroom cleaning product. If you don't rinse the sink, you'll have to contend with a lot of dirt when you spray the sink down.
 - Turn on the faucet and run hot water into the sink. Hot water will loosen soap scum, grime, and dirt.
 - Splash the water around the surface - including the sides - of the sink.
 - You may need to use a clean cotton cloth to wipe the sides of the sink with hot water. (Fig. B)
- 3** Spray the sink with a cleaner. Choose a bathroom cleaner of your choice and liberally spray the sink. Make sure to get all parts of the sink, including the faucet and behind the faucet.
 - Most bathroom cleaners are formulated to clean bathroom sinks.
 - You may be able to use a tub and tile cleaner or a cleaner formulated for the type of material your sink is made of.
 - In most cases, this is porcelain.
 - Make sure the cleaner is a disinfectant.
 - This is important as bathroom sinks can potentially accumulate a variety of germs. (Fig. C)
- 4** Wipe the sink. After spraying your cleaner, take a clean cloth and wipe down the entire surface of your sink. Pay special attention to especially dirty areas and apply pressure when you need.
 - You may need to use several clean cloths.
 - If you need to spray more cleaner while you're wiping the sink down, do so.



PART 2 | Removing Tough Stains

- 1** Sprinkle baking soda. If your bathroom sink is still dirty after you've done a light clean, you should sprinkle baking all over the sink. Cover as much of the surface as you can. The abrasive force of the baking soda will help remove tough stains.

 - Make sure the sink is dry before you sprinkle the baking soda.
 - Use as much baking soda as you need to cover the surface area of the sink.
 - Take care to sprinkle some baking soda into the grout ring around the drain. (Fig. D)
- 2** Scrub the sink. Take a clean cloth and scrub the sink down. You may have to apply a lot of pressure in areas that are particularly dirty. Without scrubbing your baking soda into the sink, you won't be able to remove all stains.

 - Swirl your cloth around in circles while you rub the baking soda into the surface of the sink.
 - Consider using a regular cotton cloth. Microfiber may not have the abrasive power you need to remove some stains.
 - In some instances, you may need to use a mildly abrasive dish sponge. (Fig. E)
- 3** Rinse the sink. After you've scrubbed the sink, you need to thoroughly rinse it to remove all leftover baking soda. If you don't rinse it immediately, some of the stains may re-set and all your work will be wasted.

 - Make sure to run the water until all the baking soda has washed down the drain.
 - If your sink doesn't drain properly, you may need to wipe the baking soda out with cloth rags or paper towels. (Fig. F)



PART 3 | Keeping the Sink Clean

1 Rinse the sink after every use.

By doing this, you'll make sure that dirt and soap residue are washed out of the basin. This is important, as the dirt in your sink accumulates on a day-to-day basis.

- Run the water after you brush your teeth, otherwise toothpaste residue will build up.
- Make sure you use enough water to wash soap residue down the drain after you use it.
- If you notice any grime in your sink after use, run the water. (Fig. G)

2 Don't wash hair shavings down the sink. One of the easiest ways to keep a bathroom sink clean is avoiding washing hair shavings down it.

This not only dirty your sink, but they can partially clog your pipes. As a result, normal dirt and grime will build up. (Fig. H)

- If you shave in the sink, put a towel over the sink so your hair falls into it.
- If you do wash hair down the drain, your sink will eventually clog up.
- When this happens, you'll have to remove accumulated hair with a coat hanger, plastic clog removing stick or use a chemical clog removing product. (Fig. I)





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