

How to Clean: Bathroom and Vanity Lights

- ☒ Make sure to turn off the light and that the fixture has cooled off.
- ☒ Remove any shades or coverings from the fixtures if possible.
- ☒ After the removable parts have soaked, rinse them and wipe or scrub them if needed with a sponge or rag.
- ☒ Use a rag dampened with soapy water to wipe dirt and dust from the surface of the parts of the fixture that are not easily removable.
- ☒ To make cleaning easier, dust the light fixtures often, perhaps once a week.

Material Considerations

When we get deeper into the fundamentals of cleaning, some materials will require extra care.

Metal polish and other products containing ammonia or alcohol, such as abrasive cloths or cleaners, should be avoided. Additionally, avoid using household windows or glass cleaners meant for general use because they may harm the coating on the fixtures.

Glass

Glass Shades – Using a soft, damp cloth to lightly clean glass light fixtures is the most effective method. A delicate glass cleaner or sudsy water wipes out intense grime.

Fabric

Fabric Shades – Most fabric shades can be vacuumed gently to remove excess dirt. For serious stains, consider a dry cleaning product that you can use at home.

Stainless Steel/Steel

Using a soft sponge, scrub the light fixture with warm soapy water. You should notice the difference almost immediately. If there are still marks, you may need to use a specific stainless steel cleaner.

Aluminum

A few drops of dish soap can be added to a water spray bottle. Spray each section of the chandelier's crystals and pieces one at a time. Using a microfiber cloth to dry them right away will also help polish them.

Iron & Metal

Wiping down the wrought iron lighting fixture with a damp rag is all that is required to remove dirt or dust from the interior or exterior of the fixture. Choose something comfortable, like an old t-shirt or a microfiber cloth.

Acrylic

A soft, damp, lint-free cloth suffices for basic cleaning. To keep the acrylic from getting scratched, the cloth needs to be completely non-abrasive. If the lamp is a little dustier or dirty, use mild dish soap on a damp cloth and repeat with a new, damp soft cloth.