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The wonders of baking soda

BAKING SODA is so handy, versatile and inexpensive that it easily substitutes for any number of household products. It can be used:

- As a **refrigerator deodorizer**. Simply keep a half-open box in the back.
- As a **fabric stain remover**, particularly in treating perspiration stains. Moisten and brush a little right into the stain before putting the garment in the wash.
- As a paste, made by mixing with water, to take the bite out of **bee stings, bug bites and burns**.
- As a **toothpaste and gum freshener**. Make a light paste with a small amount of hydrogen peroxide, and gently brush all areas of your gums. Your mouth will be cleaner than ever.
- To **clean carpeting** beset with wine or grease stains. Put a little on a damp



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cloth, then blot the stain. Be careful not to rub too hard.

- To snuff out **grease and electrical fires**. Quickly sprinkle it on the flames.
- To **clean enamelware**. If food sticks to the bottom of a pan, add 3 tablespoons of baking soda to enough boiling water to cover the bottom of the pan. Let it soak for an hour.
- To **keep your car spiffy**. Make a light paste with water. Using a rag, apply the paste to bug stains and bird droppings. Let it set for about five minutes, then wipe clean. Also use it on bumpers, hubcaps and chrome trim.

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Buyer's tip

WHEN ADDING Kirkland Signature™ Ultra Laundry Detergent HD to high-efficiency (HE) washing machines (usually front-loaders) and also regular top-loaders, fill only to line 4 for medium loads. Add a bit more for heavily soiled or large loads. Too much of any detergent may not rinse out completely, since HE machines use much less water than top-loaders.

—Deb Belcourt, sundries buyer

