

# THE HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO HOME MAINTENANCE 2023



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# Abstract

Whether your home is small and simple or expansive and high-tech in Adelaide, you'll need to routinely maintain it. Regular home maintenance is a key part of homeownership in Adelaide, ensuring that your home is in excellent shape year-round. Think of home maintenance as investment protection. Not only will it keep you and your family comfortable, but it will also prevent your home's value from declining.

## 1. Introduction

Are you looking for the best guide for home maintenance in Adelaide? If yes, you have come to the right place. We are here with this new and the latest PDF that may be very helpful and informative for you. It deals with your simple and easy home maintenance guide that you need to follow. This guide will help you to gain some essential knowledge related to home maintenance in Adelaide.

## 2. Home Maintenance Projects That Are a Waste of Time

Wish you had more free time to do the things you wanted? You're about to get it! This expert-approved home advice will change your life in Adelaide.

### **Getting carpets professionally cleaned**

Think you need to enlist a professional carpet cleaner in Adelaide once or even twice a year? Think again. Unless your carpet suffers from a multitude of food or wine spills and heavy pet usage, you don't need to do a deep cleaning more than once every 18 months, according to the Carpet and Rug Institute. In between, simply focus on deodorizing and spot treatments. "Carpets can be deodorized with baking soda every other month, and rubbing in a little bit of powdered Tide or Dawn dish soap with warm water is an inexpensive, easy way to treat spills and spots," says Ty Rosa, owner of the Sparkling Clean Home.

### **Washing curtains**

Some people in Adelaide religiously wash their curtains every month, but this is another time-consuming home project that isn't necessary, according to home cleaning expert Natalie Barrett of Nifty Cleaning Services. But this doesn't mean you can ignore your curtains altogether. After all, curtains do accumulate a lot of dust and grime. "Take a less demanding approach to keeping them tidy by dusting the curtains and regularly deodorizing them for a fresh and clean scent," she recommends. Incorporate these mini cleaning tasks in your regular chores, and then opt for professional curtain cleaning every six months or so to ensure that all dirt beneath the surface is eliminated.

### **Cleaning windows**

You'll want to hug Barrett for this tip: Skip the window cleaning...at least in the summertime. Why? On hot days, before you're able to wipe away the cleaning detergent and all the dust and dirt, the heat will dry up the mixture. This will result in Sisyphean work for you: more effort and only more dirt

to get rid of! Instead, spot-treat kiddie fingerprints and dog-nose smudges in the summer, and leave the intense, full window cleaning for the fall.



### **Polishing wood floors**

Carpenter Trond Nyland, founder and CEO of the Cordless Drill Guide in Adelaide, urges you to stop polishing your wood floors on a regular basis. If you do this too frequently, you'll actually damage the wood. Instead, use cleaning chemicals a lot more sparingly. Furniture should be polished only every six weeks or so to help keep the veneer, and when it comes to hardwood floors, Nyland advises running a vacuum over them about once a week and giving them a wax and polish every three years.

### **Mulching**

A lot of work goes into maintaining the outside of your house, but this is one thing you can eliminate from this year's to-do list. While mulching flower beds in the front yard can certainly make them look nice, the effect may not be worth the effort. That's the assessment of Joe from the blog Mini Riches, who's worked in the construction business for a decade. The process can take up days of your precious time or cost you thousands of dollars if you hire a professional. Skipping this for one season won't dramatically impact the curb appeal of your house, but it will spare your back and knees and keep a lot more money in your bank account. Instead, tidy up the beds with a rake, and pull out weeds as you see them rearing their ugly heads.

### **Cleaning dryer vents**

Step away from the dryer vent. This is not a project that you want to DIY, says Jason Kapica, president of Dryer Vent Wizard in Adelaide. Instead, pay attention to the warning signs that you might have a problem, such as your dryer being hot to the touch or needing additional cycles to run, and then call in a professional for the actual vent cleaning. It's not that cleaning a dryer vent is a waste of time—it's

a waste of time for you to do it because you're not a professional. Tinkering with it yourself can damage your dryer, and if you attempt to clean or repair it yourself, you might miss important fire-hazard signs.

### **Power washing**

While many homeowners love the way power washers deep-clean, in most cases, this kind of treatment should be limited. "One downside of excessive power washing is the abrasiveness of the water pressure itself, which can remove paint and wood fibers if used to excess," says Richard Reina, product training director at TOOLSiD.com. "Just because a wood fence is a little dirty, it shouldn't require the power washer every time." Instead, use a garden hose with standard water pressure to minimize damage to siding and fences.

### **Sharpening lawn mower blades**

"Whether you have a push mower or a ride-on mower, you have heard that the mower blade needs to be kept sharp," says Reina. But the truth is, you don't need to do this task as often as professionals recommend. "If you're sharpening that blade every few weeks, you're wasting your time because a well-sharpened blade should last most of the mowing season (depending on the size of your lawn, of course)." Not only are you losing time that could be spent on hobbies or relaxing, but the frequent sharpening will also ultimately cost you money. Think of it this way: Each time you sharpen that blade, you remove a fine layer of material, so if you're doing it too frequently, the blade will need to be replaced sooner.

### **Removing wallpaper before painting**

Before getting into online marketing in Adelaide, Daniel Morris was a self-employed painter. According to him, you shouldn't bother scraping and peeling off old wallpaper if you want to paint your walls. It takes a ton of time and energy, and there's a much easier solution. "If your old wallpaper does not come away easily—and it probably won't—it is best to paint over the wallpaper after gluing back any raised areas for a temporary improvement," Morris says. It may sound crazy, but it works, and it's a lot more common than you think.

Here's how to do it: First, apply a diluted TSP (trisodium phosphate) mixture to the paper to get it ready to accept and hold the paint. Then prime the area, and once dry, apply coats of oil-based paint.

### **Cleaning your entire house**

This might be controversial for neat-freaks, but you don't need to clean your entire home before entertaining guests. If you're short on time, says Richard Kennedy of the Vacuum Experts, "just vacuum the places that people actually go." For example, you might just want to quickly vacuum from the front door to the stairs and in the sitting area. The well-rated Dyson Cyclone V10 Cordless Stick Vacuum get the job done quickly and efficiently. You'll also want to scoop up any clutter and temporarily stash that in a locked bedroom, fold throw blankets nicely, and put away stray shoes. This work takes minutes instead of hours, but to guests, the house looks spotless.

### **Regrouting tile**

"Unless grout is crumbling and falling out, regrouting is often a waste of time," says James Upton, the DIY Tile Guy. "If your grout is old and dingy-looking even after you've cleaned it, I recommend looking into grout colorants before you take on the much larger project of removing and regrouting." Both colorants and grout pens will color and seal grout joints, making them look fresh and new.

### Installing a new roof

Obviously, sometimes you need a new roof. But most times, you can get away with simply replacing the pieces of the roof that are slightly damaged and problematic from an aesthetic perspective. That will save you time, money, and energy, says Rostislav Shetman, founder of 9Kilo Moving. “A more aesthetic-looking roof [won’t] increase the value of your property manyfold,” he explains. In fact, most times, you will recoup only a little over half of what you spent.

So, how long will your roof last? According to the National Association of Home Builders, “slate, copper, and tile roofs can last more than 50 years, while homeowners with wood shake roofs should expect them to last about 30 years, fiber cement shingles 25 years, and asphalt shingle/composition roofs about 20 years.”

## 3. How to Budget for Maintenance and Repairs



Before planning a budget for home maintenance and repairs in Adelaide, it's important to first know what that entails. When renting, the landlord or maintenance company is responsible for fixing most of what gets broken, so, if you've had something like a kitchen appliance break, you may not have considered the cost. However, if your dishwasher breaks in the home you own, you're going to be the one paying the bill to fix or replace it—and you'll be kicking yourself if it broke because you neglected to clean the dishwasher filter. Homeowners should be fully aware of the routine maintenance needed to keep everything running. "Routine maintenance and upkeep can help you save a ton of money and stress," says Andrea Collins, home insights expert at Hippo.



## **How to budget for home maintenance and repairs**

No matter how good you are at performing routine maintenance in a home, replacements and repairs will inevitably be necessary over time. The best way to budget for those costs is to start saving for them as soon as possible, says real estate investor J Scott.

"So there are these big things on any property called the capital expenses, and these are the big-ticket items that any homeowner's going to have to deal with, whether it's now or 20 years down the road," he says on the Money Confidential podcast. "And these are things like a roof, a new HVAC system, a new hot water heater, updating electrical and plumbing and repairing siding, all of these things that you may not think about today."

Even if these items aren't immediate needs, Scott says it's a mistake to leave the financial planning to your future self. "If you're smart, what you're going to think is, 'OK, this roof is going to last me 20 years. In 20 years I'm going to have to pay some amount of money to replace the roof,'" he says. "Do some investigation. You find that replacing that roof would cost about \$10,000. So instead of thinking, 'I'm going to pay \$10,000 in 20 years,' think of it in terms of 'I'm paying \$500 per year,' or you can even say, 'I'm spending \$40 per month to replace this roof.' And you can do that with each of the major components."

Saving up for these future repairs—like the roof, an HVAC replacement, new water heater, etc.—could come down to around \$100 a month, Scott says. "Start saving a hundred dollars a month today, so that as those items come due, as those repairs needed to be made, you have a reserve account that you can use to pay for those things," he says.

For more budgeting guidance, Collins recommends that homeowners refer to the 28/36 rule, which advises that homeowners' housing expenses should be no more than 28 percent of their annual income and no more than 36 percent of their total debt. To keep within those guidelines, it's important to factor in the cost of maintenance and repairs to your overall housing costs. Collins also recommends, as many financial experts do, that homeowners save and set aside 1 percent to 3 percent of their home's purchase price each year for home maintenance and repairs. "[It] can sound like a lot of money upfront, but if you don't have it [when an issue arises], even just having to take out loans in order to fix a broken pipe or something like that can mean you're suffering [financially] for a much longer time," she says.

## **What to do if you didn't budget for a costly repair**

Planning ahead, protecting yourself with homeowner's insurance, and budgeting for repairs is the ideal. However, if you're already in your home and find yourself confronted with a major repair that you can't afford, there are still options for you.

For starters, Collins recommends evaluating the repair and determining if it's a DIY solution, or if you need to call on professional services. While there are some projects you probably shouldn't try to tackle on your own—like roofing issues or electrical wiring—you can save money on some projects by researching solutions online and doing your own handiwork. Even if you can't do a repair on your own, Collins suggests researching replacement items or materials and seeing if it would be more cost-effective to buy your own materials, rather than having the professional provide them.

Once you've done some research and evaluated what needs done, Collins recommends looking into government-provided financial assistance to help cover the costs. "Should a major repair be entirely out of budget, there are programs that offer loans to help cover the cost of the repair, such as 203(k) Rehabilitation Mortgage Insurance Program and Section 504 Home Repair Program," she says. She's

also a fan of startups like Renofi, which help provide renovation loans based on the future projected value of your home, rather than the current price.

Whether you're planning to buy your first home or are already settled into one, don't leave your finances up to fate. Be proactive and plan for home maintenance and repairs now.

## 4. Month By Month Home Maintenance Checklist



Home ownership is a huge investment in Adelaide, and one that requires regular maintenance and care. Staying on top of a monthly home maintenance checklist is essential to ensuring that the time you spend living in your home is as safe and healthy as possible, in addition to keeping your home operating efficiently, mitigating risk, keeping your energy bills at a minimum, improving curb appeal and preserving or increasing your home resale value.

Following the cycle of seasons can help break up some of what may be a daunting, long list of to-do items into a manageable home maintenance checklist by month, and following changes in the weather strategically can make some tasks easier depending on when you do them, as well as choose the best time to schedule home maintenance professional services and purchase home appliances at their best prices when new models hit the market or are going on sale.

A monthly home maintenance checklist will help you keep up with the small stuff—and prepare for the big stuff—so your home can be in optimal condition for years to come. This month-by-month checklist may vary slightly if your seasons do not bring drastically cold or hot weather months, but adjust your checklist accordingly and don't skimp on safety.

## January

Start your new year by making sure the curb appeal of your house is prime, including sprucing up your landscaping. This isn't just for show: unwanted plants, pests and natural hazards can interfere with your home's functionality. These tasks are easier (and less expensive) to complete in the colder months so that your home is ready to look its best when the weather warms again.

- Landscaping
- Shrubs: clean up your shrubs by trimming and removing dead branches.
- Lawn: remove weeds, including in the flower beds. Patch up bald spots, reseed and fertilize any grass.
- Trees: trim trees and remove dead branches or trees that present a risk to the property. (It's a good idea to have a registered arborist check for any ill trees or dead branches that could be missed by an untrained eye and escalate to become a hazard to people and property.) Removing dead trees is less expensive at this time of year, and if the ground is frozen, it's less likely to interrupt surrounding vegetation. (If the ground is impermeable, stump removal can wait until spring.)
- Check for pests, especially around the foundation or any wood near the ground level.
- Monitor water level in the boiler. Flush out the hot water heater to prevent sediment build-up.
- Check for water damage around windows, pipes and home foundation.
- Change HVAC and furnace filters every three months (quarterly on average, and more often if you have allergies, are frequently using the fireplace, have pets that shed, etc.). Make sure your heating system filters are in tip top condition for the season to ensure efficient and safe energy usage.

## February

In regions where cold weather keeps you inside your home more, this is a perfect month to do indoor touch ups to your home. Whether aesthetic or mechanical, repairs and refinishing will help your home retain its value, plus save you the cost of services in the months where they may be in higher demand.

- Painting: Whether you do it yourself or hire professional painters, now is the time to patch up any inside or outside spots that need refreshing, or to repaint the interior room(s) of your home.
- Doors (including garage): Repaint and restrain any doors in your home that have seen better days, including your garage door. Oil door hinges, locks and handles to keep them working smoothly.

## March

Shake off winter with a solid look-over of your entire home. Tune up the inside and outside of your house to get ready for warmer weather.

- "Change your clock, change your battery": daylight savings' "spring forward" means it's time for carbon monoxide and smoke detector maintenance. Test and replace the batteries in these life-saving devices at minimum twice per year, and replace any devices that are over seven years old.
- Inspect roof for missing or damaged shingles and windows for water damage.
- Clean outside of the house from winter debris or grime, replace any damaged, weathered siding, shutters, etc.



- Spruce up your landscaping and bring it back to life; fresh mulch and planting for spring, now's the time. Plant perennials.
- Lawn: Fill in any bald patches before warmer weather arrives and reseed/ fertilize your lawn. If you plan to hire a service to mow and maintain your lawn, spring is the best season to finalize an annual contract.
- Turn on outside faucets and check for damage.



## April

Clean air and spring cleaning go hand in hand this month. More allergens are floating around in the air this time of year, and you'll want to prepare your home with a routine air conditioning tune-up before the temperatures rise and you'll switch from heat to AC. If you have an outdoor pool, this is a great time to prepare for the swimming season with a routine check-up to make sure all systems are a go.

- Change HVAC and furnace filters every three months (quarterly on average, and more often if you have allergies, are frequently using the fireplace, have pets that shed, etc.).
- Schedule regular maintenance to make sure AC/HVAC runs efficiently.
- Pool maintenance
- Clean filters, remove leaves and debris from the pool, evaluate pump efficiency and check chemical levels for safety. (Recommended to schedule this weekly or monthly.)

## May

April showers bring May maintenance to check on your drainage system and prevent water damage to your home. It's also prime time to make sure your landscaping is ready for the hotter months when you may need to provide irrigation in lieu of regular rainfall.

- Check the sprinkler system for any leaks or lawn spots that need coverage.

- Refrigerator check up: makers release new models in the summer, so if you're in the market for a discounted appliance, this is the season to shop for the best price on last season's models.
- Clean rain gutters and downspouts for drainage or moisture problems, on average twice per year.

## **June**

Pest-proofing your home indoors and out is important not only for your health and happiness, but also to prevent lasting damage to your home. From day-ruining insects like a backyard bog of mosquitoes to a hive of hornets, unwanted rodents or termites gnawing through your floors and walls, preventing them from sharing your home will be an expense well-worth budgeting for.

- Schedule professional pest maintenance or an exterminator to evaluate potential pest problems and prevent future ones.
- Check for leaky pipes or stagnant water around your home.
- Fence maintenance: Fix any holes or loose nails; paint or stain if necessary to prevent weathering.
- Driveway maintenance: Fill holes or cracks in concrete.

## **July**

For many regions, this tends to be a reliably hot and humid month. Making sure your home is able to utilize energy efficiently to keep you cool—and prevent mold and moisture build-up—is essential for the health of both you and your home.

- Bathroom: Eliminate any signs of mold. Repair and clean grout, replace caulk and seal where necessary. Clean faucet aerators and showerheads. Check water softener and salt levels.
- Wash windows and door screens.
- Check drainage to make sure summer storm water runs away from the foundation of your home.
- HVAC and furnace filters need to be changed every three months (average; more if you have pets, use fireplace, allergen sensitivities, etc), so doing this quarterly will help set a schedule.

## **August**

What is typically another hot weather month makes an excellent time for deep cleaning inside your home to freshen up for fall.

- Deep clean carpets (either by hiring a carpet cleaning service or buying / renting a carpet cleaning vacuum).
- Clean fridge and freezer coils, clean and empty drip trays.
- Replace washers in any interior or exterior faucets.

## **September**

Before it's time to switch from AC to heat, have your air and ventilation systems inspected by the professionals to ensure efficient and healthy airflow. Note: if you need to purchase or replace any major household appliances, September and October are usually when the latest models are revealed and are the best months to buy them.

- Clean your chimney and fireplace for annual maintenance. (You can do it yourself or hire a professional.)

- Inspect the roof for missing/loose/damaged shingles or leaks.
- Check and clean exhaust fans in the bathroom, kitchen, laundry room, etc. and eliminate any mold.



## October

Labor and building materials are typically the least expensive around this month, so utilize this to your advantage if you've been needing to make household updates or renovations to increase the marketability of your home. Prepare for the colder months by making sure your house is sealed from water damage and pests.

- Fix or replace any flooring, countertops, cabinetry or other major household projects while building materials and labor is cheapest.
- Hire an exterminator to spray for insects inside and outside home. (Bugs will be looking for a heat source when the weather gets colder and are more likely to be attracted to your home in the coming months).
- Clean rain gutters and downspouts for drainage or moisture problems, on average twice per year.
- HVAC and furnace filters need to be changed every three months (average; more if you have pets, use fireplace, allergen sensitivities, etc), so doing this quarterly will help set a schedule.

## November

Prevent health and safety risks during cold months by updating the life-saving devices in your home with fresh batteries, evaluating the efficiency of your central heating system and ensuring your plumbing is prepared for potential freezes as well as clear of blockages or leaks.

- "Change your clock, change your battery": daylight savings' "fall back" means it's time for smoke and carbon monoxide detector maintenance. Test and replace the batteries in these life-saving devices at minimum twice per year, and replace any devices that are over seven years old.
- Plumbing: Schedule routine maintenance by hiring a plumber to make sure all pipes, drains, faucets and more are running efficiently and without risk to your home, including protecting any exposed pipes from freezing.

- Inspect the furnace and central heating system.
- Landscaping: If planting any new trees, the season to do so is now, after the leaves have fallen.

## **December**

Improve energy efficiency this month so you can keep your home functioning in optimal condition—plus, maximizing your home's energy output while minimizing your bills.

- Lighting: Inspect and clean light fixtures, and change any lightbulbs that need replacing. (You can shop specifically for energy-saving options to reduce your electricity bill.)
- Windows: Get winter ready by resealing all windows and, if necessary, adding weather protection to further insulate your home and cut back on how hard your temperature regulation systems have to work to keep your home at a pleasant temperature.
- Attic: Check attic ventilation and ensure there are no holes, pests, mold or other obstacles that prevent your home from operating at its best.

# **5. Essential Home Maintenance Tasks Every Homeowner Should Know How to Do**

A little effort goes a long way with these home maintenance projects.

Whether you're new to homeownership or you're a seasoned pro looking to sharpen your skills, these home maintenance tasks are worth getting to know. While you might already be familiar with a few of these home improvement projects, whether snaking a drain or changing an air filter, others might be new to you. In fact, you might not even realize some of the items on this list should be maintained (sorry in advance for changing your weekend plans).

Get started today to prevent damage to your home, save thousands of dollars on future home repairs, and skip unnecessary service calls.

## **Stop a Running Toilet**

Over time, a toilet's water line may begin to run continuously, leading to higher water usage. To fix a running toilet, start by determining why the toilet is running. The problem could be due to an overflow tube that's too short, the water level could be set too high, the flush valve chain could be too short, the flapper could be worn or warped, or the flush and fill valves could need replacing.

## **Reset a Tripped Breaker**

To reset a breaker, locate your home's electrical panel and identify the tripped breaker. It will be the breaker with a switch that isn't fully on. To reset the tripped breaker, move the switch fully to the "off" position, then return it to the "on" position.

If the breaker continues to trip without a clear reason, don't restore the power. Instead, contact an electrician to find the problem.

## **Fix a Leaky Faucet**

Drip, drip, drip ... that's the sound of money going down your drain. When simply turning your faucet off a little tighter no longer prevents it from leaking, it's time to learn to fix a leaky faucet. You'll also need to know how to shut off the water for this DIY home repair.



### **Repair or Replace Window Screens**

When mild weather rolls in, give your air conditioning system a well-deserved break. However, doing so before making sure your window screens are up to snuff will result in a house full of uninvited guests. Learn to repair and replace window screens to ensure your home stays pest free.

### **Patch a Hole in Drywall**

If you're transitioning from renting a home to home ownership, you might have already learned how to patch drywall the right way (or, at least good enough to secure your damage deposit). If not, fixing drywall holes from minuscule to monstrous with professional results is easier than you might think.

### **Find a Wall Stud**

Once you move into your first home, you have an endless list of items, from pictures to TVs, to hang on the wall. Whether you're hanging artwork or anchoring furniture to protect pets and kids, one of the first things you need to learn is how to accurately find a wall stud. This simple task can be completed through various methods, whether you opt to use a stud finder or simply tap the wall and measure accordingly.

### **Clean a Dryer Vent**

According to Adelaide Fire Administration, clothes dryers cause about 2,900 house fires each year, and about a third of those result from a failure to clean the dryer. One task in particular that is often forgotten is cleaning the dryer vent. This essential home maintenance task should be completed at least once each year.

### **Clear the Gutters**

Thousands of people are injured annually as a result of ladder falls.<sup>1</sup> Luckily, there are a number of ways to clean your gutters from the safety of the ground, which can prevent thousands of dollars in water damage. And if you do decide to clean gutters using a ladder, follow these tips to check this outdoor maintenance task off your checklist safely and swiftly.



### **Clean or Replace a Faucet Aerator**

If your faucet is running inconsistently or has a partial flow, the problem likely lies right at the tip of your faucet rather than with your plumbing or water supply. Inside the faucet is something called an aerator, which can become clogged with sediment or lime and calcium buildup over time. Cleaning or replacing your faucet's aerator could be all it takes to get your faucet back up and running.

### **Change HVAC Filters**

Depending on the type of filter, your HVAC filter could need replacing every 30 days. Additionally, if you have pets, that number could reduce to every 20 days. To keep your HVAC system running efficiently all year long, it's worth getting to know how often you should change your HVAC filters. And if your HVAC system utilizes reusable filters, follow these instructions for cleaning an air filter.

### **Check and Maintain Your HVAC System**

Beyond changing your home's air filters, there are several simple ways you can set your family and your heat and air unit up for seasonal success. Take the time to check and maintain your HVAC system before each season to keep it performing its best.

## **6. How To Remove Rust Stains On Your Porcelain Sink**

Homeowners usually prefer porcelain sinks in their bathrooms because they look great and are easier to clean. However, the rust stains can diminish the overall appearance and removing them can be time-consuming and difficult. Several factors are responsible for the rust stains, such as the rusty and older pipes that carry the water or the hard water that contains iron and minerals.

No matter how much rust is on the surface or what the reason for the rust is, you need to get rid of it. Luckily, there are some simple ways to get the job done perfectly.

Rust stains on your porcelain sink can be a matter of dispute if you move out of the rental property at the end of the lease period. To clean the surface perfectly, hire professionals who offer the best end of lease cleaning Adelaide. A flawless result will help you to get back the bond money.

However, if you want to clean your porcelain Sink by DIY method, you must know the correct technique.

Read on to know about how to remove rust stains on your porcelain sink.

### **Scouring Pads**

If the rust stains on the porcelain sink surface are light, it will be easier for you to remove them. To accomplish the task perfectly, you may need a simple scouring pad that people use in the kitchen.

However, various versions of scouring pads are available in the market, and you need the one that is particularly designed to remove stubborn stains on bathtubs, toilets and sinks. Pour a little amount of dish soap on the pads and scrub the rust stains until they disappear.

### **Pumice Stone**

Pumice is another great option for removing rust stains on your porcelain sink. Try using a pumice scrubber or stick specifically designed to clean porcelain and tile.

All you need to do is to hold it under the running water, so it becomes a little soft. That will prevent scratches on the porcelain surface. Rub the pumice stone over the stains gently until they disappear. It is one of the must-try cleaning hacks to save you time and money.



### **Lemon Juice And Salt**

Mix salt and lemon juice to prepare a wet paste, and then apply it over the stains. The combination of these natural ingredients can effectively break down rust stains.

It is not ideal to use this method on your toilet bowl as the paste will gradually wash away before it can work, but you can use it on sinks and bathtub that has a flat surface. Leave it for at least 15 to 20 minutes, and then scrub the stains away using a toothbrush. Professionals, who offer eco-friendly end of lease cleaning Adelaide, often prefer this method.

### **Lemon Juice And Baking Soda**

If you also use baking soda instead of salt. It is an excellent natural abrasive that is capable of eliminating stubborn bathroom stains. Prepare a baking soda and lemon juice paste before applying it over the rust stains on your porcelain sink.

Allow the mixture to sit on the stain for a few hours, and then use a microfibre cloth to wipe the spot. If the stains are still visible, repeat the procedure.

### **Baking Soda And Vinegar**

It is one of the most common methods people widely use to remove dirt and stains from various kitchen and bathroom surfaces. First, sprinkle baking soda on the rust stains and make sure it is completely covered.

After that, spray white vinegar over the baking soda and wait for a few minutes. Then use an old toothbrush or a scrubber to rub the spot. Finally, rinse the surface properly. It is one of the cleaning hacks that will make your life easier.

### **Borax And Warm Water**

You cannot ask for better natural and all-purpose cleaner than Borax. You can use it to clean various surfaces, like your porcelain sink. All you need to do is prepare a paste using the Borax and warm water. Then apply the paste over the stains and leave it for a few hours.

Finally, rinse the spot properly with water. Removing the stains from your sink can be time-consuming. So, if you have a busy schedule, hire a reliable end of lease cleaning company in Adelaide. They will save time and energy.

### **Chemical Cleaning Products**

If all the aforementioned natural products fail to remove the rust stains on your porcelain sink, opt for a store-bought cleaner. It should be your last option because such products have harmful chemicals that worsen indoor air quality.

So, before using it, you should take all the precautionary measures like wearing a mask and gloves, opening windows and following the instruction carefully.

Removing rust stains on your porcelain sink doesn't need to be challenging if you know the correct technique.

So, the next time you decide to perform the task on your own, use the products and follow the ways mentioned above. If you need professional help, contact trained end of lease cleaners in Adelaide. They can make the sink look sparkling clean.

## **7. Conclusion**

Some home maintenance tasks in Adelaide are very DIY-friendly—things like cleaning your siding and testing your smoke detector. Leave the more complex tasks to a professional. As the seasons change, routinely check off the items on this list.

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