

Smart ideas to Make life easier

● Keep insects outside!

Want to keep ants out of your kitchen? Here's a secret: they hate coffee! Simply sprinkle a few coffee grounds into corners to keep them away!

● No more wrinkles!

Line-drying a pair of pants? Hang them upside down—the weight of the material at the waist will keep the legs straight and wrinkle-free.

● Faster dusting!

Dust the knickknacks in a room *first* with a hairdryer set on low—it's much easier than picking each one up and dusting it individually! Then simply dust the rest of the room as you normally would!



● Wash fewer dishes!

Nonstick Divide Pro Cookware lets you make several kinds of food at once! \$19.99 for set of two—a three-section pan and a two-section pan—plus a vegetable chopper and recipe book. From JCPenney. To order, call 800-222-6161 or visit www.jcpenny.com.

● Picnic trick

Want your sodas to stay cold for a picnic? Get the kind in glass bottles! They're thicker than aluminum or plastic, so they keep liquid colder longer!

● Sparkling kitchen!

To get sticky fingerprints off appliances, wipe them with a cloth dampened with rubbing alcohol. It breaks through grease and dries quickly, leaving the surface streak-free!



● Easy gourmet appetizers!

Want to use up pie dough scraps? Sprinkle them with Parmesan cheese, roll them up into bite-size pieces and bake on an ungreased baking pan along with your pie for 10 minutes or until golden.



● Cleaner can opener!

You can use a new, clean toothbrush soaked in vinegar to clean your electric can opener! Just hold the bristles under the blade, turn it on, and watch gunk slide off with ease!

● Fresher citrus!

Sprinkle lemons and limes with a little water, then place them in plastic bags in the fridge. They'll stay fresh for up to two months!

—Jacqueline L. Ross

Your great idea

For a **natural garden fertilizer** that also repels slugs, I save eggshells in a brown bag on my kitchen counter. When they're dry, I crush them and spread them around the garden!

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