

# HOW TO USE DRI-PAK SODA CRYSTALS

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## IN 43 DIFFERENT WAYS

**Dri-Pak Soda Crystals** have been used for generations as a way to clean, loosen dirt, dissolve grease and soften water. They are free of bleach, enzymes and phosphates.

**Soda Crystals should not be used on aluminum.**

**A guide to strengths of Soda Crystals:**  
✓ **Mild** – 1 tablespoon to 1 pint of water  
✓ **Regular** – ½ cup to 1 pint of water  
✓ **Strong** – 1 cup to 1 pint of water  
Soda Crystals are safe to use with septic tank sewage systems.

### Clothes and Washing

**Stains:** Remove heavy stains on cottons or linens by soaking in a strong solution of Soda Crystals. Soda Crystals can remove grease, blood, ink., tea and coffee stains.

**New woolens and blankets:** Soak in a cold, mild solution before carefully washing--leaves blankets and woolens soft and fluffy.

**Greasy work clothes:** Soda Crystals are renowned for their ability to dissolve grease. Soak greasy clothes and textiles overnight in a strong solution, before washing normally.

**Delicates:** To hand-wash fine materials use a warm, mild Soda solution. **Note: Always test fabrics for colorfastness before using Soda Crystals to soak, wash or remove stains.**

**Water softening:** In hard water areas, Soda Crystals have long been used to reduce the lime scale in water. This means that you can reduce the amount of the detergent you would use in a washing machine to the manufacturer's instructions for "soft water". It also improves the efficiency of the machine and reduces the risk of breakdown and expensive repair bills resulting from lime scale buildup. Add half a cup of Soda Crystals to your wash load.

**Diapers:** Rinse out diapers and begin soaking them immediately in a strong solution of Soda Crystals. Follow the soaking with a warm or hot machine wash.

### In the Kitchen

**Cleaning blackened/burnt pans:** A strong Soda Crystals solution is very effective for removing burnt-on grease from pans and casserole dishes. Soak stubborn stains overnight. **Note: Soda Crystals are not suitable for aluminum pans.**

**Grill pans:** Burnt-on stubborn grease in grill pans will be easy to clean after an overnight soaking in a strong solution. **Note: Soda Crystals are not suitable for aluminum pans.**

**Cookers:** Cut through grease and burnt-on food by cleaning with a strong solution. Leaves enameled surfaces gleaming.

**Floor tiles:** Uses a strong, hot solution to cut through Ground-in dirt and leave tiled surfaces sparkling clean. **Note: Soda Crystals will remove any wax polish on the surface.**

**Cleaning teapots, cups and vacuum insulated bottles:** Tannin can leave nasty brown stains in teapots or cups. Clean them with a strong solution. A soak for one hour--or overnight--will help to clean badly stained items.

**Dishwashing:** Soda Crystals are a natural alternative to dishwashing liquids. Use a warm to hot, mild solution. Crockery and glasses will come up shining. **Do not use Soda Crystals on aluminum items.**

**Glassware:** After a wash and wipe in a very mild solution, glassware will sparkle.

**Chopping boards:** Scrub with a regular solution to get rid of lingering smells without tainting food. Rinse thoroughly.

**Mops and dishcloths:** Soak in a strong solution in hot water to remove dirt and grease.

### On the Car

**Windshields:** A mild solution of Soda Crystals will help remove dead flies, bugs and grime off windshields. **Avoid splashing onto paintwork. Remove any splashes immediately.**

**Wheel trims:** Use a regular solution of Soda Crystals to remove grime and grease. **Note: Do not use on aluminum alloy wheels and take care to avoid paintwork.**

### In the Garden

**Green fly:** Spray trees or plants with a solution of 4 ounces by weight of Soap Flakes and 2 ounces by weight of Soda Crystals in 2 gallons of water.

**Mildew and blackspot:** Spray roses with a solution of one cup of milk and 2 ounces by weight of Soda Crystals to each gallon of water.

**Patios and paths:** A brush down with a strong, hot solution will remove the slime left by rotting leaves and moss, and will also help to keep paved areas moss-free. Sprinkle directly onto moss, leave overnight and rinse off. **Avoid spilling or spraying onto plants.**

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**Stonework:** Clean steps, driveways and stonework with a strong solution. **Avoid spilling or spraying on plants.**

**Barbecues:** Soda Crystals are renowned for their ability to cut through grease, so they're ideal for cleaning barbecues. If possible soak components in a strong, hot solution for an hour or more before rinsing well with clean water. Use a strong solution and scrub grills and pans with a stiff brush.

**Patio furniture:** Grimy plastic garden furniture will come clean with a strong solution of Soda Crystals.

**Outdoor decks:** Dissolve a regular solution of Soda Crystals in hot water and scrub as usual to make a moss and algae-free surface with reduced slip factor.

### Around the Home

**Paintwork:** Paintwork—and vinyl window frames--will brighten after a wipe down with a regular solution of Soda Crystals in warm water. You can prepare bare wood for painting too with a regular solution.

**Paint or varnish preparation:** To prepare wooden flooring for varnishing or painting, make sure that all debris is removed and then mop with a strong Soda Crystals solution. Change solutions when they look dirty in the bucket to prevent re-spreading the dirt around the floor.

**Blinds:** A wipe with a regular solution will brighten venetian blinds, and help to shrug off dust.

**Cane furniture:** Cane and wicker furniture will come clean after a wash with a regular Soda Crystals solution. Soda Crystals will also help to harden the cane and tighten sagging seats.

**Upholstery and carpets:** Soda Crystals are ideal for getting out wine stains. Dab upholstery with a mild solution to get rid of stains--or simply to freshen up the fabric. Take care not to scrub wool or other upholstery fabrics--it could damage them. **Always test fabrics for colorfastness before using Soda Crystals.**

**Windows, mirrors and tiles:** A very mild solution gives windows, mirrors and wall tiles a sparkle.

**Unblocking and cleaning drains:** Because Soda Crystals dissolve grease, they're great for unblocking drains and waste pipes. Add Soda Crystals to the drain and wash through with hot or boiling water. Use a plunger for badly blocked drains. This is an effective method and avoids the need to use expensive dangerous caustic drain cleaning chemicals. Use a strong solution to flush drains regularly to keep them grease-free.

**Wastebaskets:** Clean out wastebaskets with a regular solution to keep them clean and odorless.

**Silverware and jewelry:** To put the shine back into silver with ease, make a solution of one cup of Soda Crystals to a pint of very hot water and soak for 5-15 minutes in a bowl lined with aluminum foil. The tarnish will simply melt away. Rinse off and buff. Soak delicate jewelry in a regular solution. **Soft stones such as Opals should not be cleaned using Soda Crystals.**

**Brass and pewter:** Will polish much more easily if first washed in a strong, hot solution of Soda Crystals.

**Wine and food stains:** Red wine and food stains can be treated with a strong solution of Soda Crystals. Large spills can be treated by applying dry crystals directly to the stain, followed by rinsing in clean water. Use Soda Crystals for ink and grass stains too.

**Garbage cans :** A strong solution of Soda Crystals will loosen and remove dirt, grime and sludge.

### In the Bathroom

**Baths, basins and showers:** Use a regular solution to freshen up baths, basins and showers. It cuts through grease, soap scum and lime scale. **Do not use Soda Crystals on lacquered taps and fittings.**

**Toilets:** Flush some Soda Crystals down the drain to clean and freshen, and to help prevent blockages. Use them to clean toilet brushes too.

**Waste pipes:** Use a strong hot solution to keep waste pipes clean and fresh. A regular flushing will help keep waste pipes clear of blockages.

**Floors and vinyl tiles:** Clean the bathroom floor with a regular solution. Ceramic or vinyl tiles will clean up beautifully--**but please note any polish on wood or vinyl floors may be removed by using Soda Crystals.**

**Tiles and grouting:** Clean wall tiles with a regular solution to leave them clean and sparkling. Soda Crystals will bring new life to grouting too.

**Sponges and combs:** Freshen them up and get rid of that "greasiness" with a soak in a regular hot solution of Soda Crystals.

**Shower curtains:** Clean, deodorize, and remove soap scum and mildew from your vinyl shower curtains with a strong, hot solution of Soda Crystals.