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Cleaning Your Range Hood

We had a request recently from a customer preparing for Christmas company as to what is the best cleaner to clean the mesh filters in their stove vent hood. Most of the commercially marketed cleaners have harsh chemicals and can even burn skin.

Here is what we suggested from Ross' household recipe book.

- 1-1/2 gallon hot water
- 1 cup distilled white vinegar
- 3 tablespoons Dawn dish soap
- 1 cup baking soda

Fill a tall stockpot with hot water, and heat until it is almost at a simmer. As it is warming stir in the vinegar and dish soap, then add the baking soda a tablespoon at time. It will fizz up slightly so keep stirring the ingredients as you add the baking soda until it is fully dissolved.

Once the ingredients are mixed, set the filter into the mixture and agitate it every minute for 3-5 until it comes clean. When the submerged end becomes clean flip it end-over-end to clean the other half of the filter. Repeat with the second filter and there you have it, you're clean and ready to go. Just rinse them in clean warm water to remove the cleaning residue.

When that is done, lay out an old bath towel over the stove and with rubber gloves on, use the rough side of a sponge to clean the inside of the vent generously applying the cleaning mixture. It does a great job, it is not harmful to the environment and it also help clean your drain when you pour the mixture out. If it seems to be losing its cleaning power, adding an additional 2 tablespoons of baking soda will most often bring it back to its former glory.