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Spot A Toilet Leak Using Kool-Aid

A while back a customer called to say their water bill was climbing and asked for possible reasons. We went thru the list of possibilities – checking for dripping taps and leaks. Often though the slow leak is a toilet and luckily they have kids. I had them mix in a package of tropical punch Kool-Aid they had and low-and-behold a half-hour later the red water began to be visible in the toilet bowl. Customers cost was 38-cents.

Get Dents Out of the Carpet



When we move large pieces of furniture they always leave dents in the carpet. To get dents out of your carpet by letting ice melt on top of the divots. You'll want the full dent to be wet and fairly soaked. Next, blot with a clean towel, and then flush the fibers with a spoon. Once dry the dents will virtually disappear.

Fix a Drawer That Sticks

Often we're asked if there is a way to fix a drawer that sticks? The best remedy is to apply a floor wax but in a pinch; rub a bar of soap on the sides of the drawer and/or the tracks to make it pull in and out smoothly. How easy is that?

Squeaky Doors, sticky light-bulbs and more

Some folks have noticed a small jar of Vaseline in our tool bag. It isn't just for healing dry skin or other skin ailments. Pop the hinge pins up and rub some petroleum jelly on them and into the joints to prevent them from squeaking. Problem solved! Also, if you have light fixtures where the bulbs tend to



get stuck, just apply a thin layer of jelly to the threads of the new bulb the next time you swap it out. It will make the bulb much easier to remove next time! We've also used it where shower curtain hooks tend to get hung up on the rod, apply a thin layer of jelly to the top of the rod. The hooks will then glide easily!

Pantyhose repurposed

Last Fall we helped dig up garden and had to store the bulbs dug up. She complained every year she loses about half of them the rot over the winter. My grandmother's trick was to store her bulbs over the winter hanging in the cold cellar in old pantyhose. This provides great air-flow and she reports they are all ready for planting.

