

Student's 5 top cleaning tips

You've just gotten into university. Yay! Congratulations! The last thing you want to do now is spend unnecessary time cleaning or scrubbing, or maybe you had a terrible accident that needs a deep clean. Look no further, I will share with you my top 5 cleaning tips that can make life easier.

- 1. keep clutter to a minimum. Where there's water, there is life, where there's life there can be a build up of bacteria and germs. The best way to avoid build up of sludge and gunk is to avoid having too many bottles on your surfaces. This not only applies to the bathroom but also the kitchen.*
- 2. Wipe toilet and basin every day. There are inexpensive moist wipes you can get cheap at Lidl or Aldi. They're wonderful! Clean down your toilets daily, then toss them in the bin. Nice, quick, simple! By the end of the week, cleaning the toilet and basin will not be as bad, or as disgusting.*
- 3. Old toilet smell or constant clogging? There's an easy trick I learned from a plumber years ago. Hot water and dishwashing soap. Fill the toilet with roughly a 20 euro sized amount of dishwashing liquid and pour buckets of very hot water down the toilet until it unclogs. You may need to do it two to three more times but it works!*
- 4. The magic of Bicarbonate soda and distilled vinegar, cleans anything, anywhere, from kitchen to toilets. To bicarbonate of soda, add just a little vinegar to make it fizz, you end up with a paste that can and whiten, brighten and deodorise your home in no time. You can whiten pans in the kitchen or remove burnt food from the surface. You can use baking soda on it's own, place it in a dish to remove funky smells from your fridge or even adding it to your laundry wash cycle for clean, mould-free bath towels.*
- 5. Spilled coffee or wine on your wooden floor or table? Make a solution with water and distilled vinegar and wipe the surface down immediately. For a more difficult wine stain, you might need to mix baking soda with enough mineral oil, lemon oil, or linseed oil to form a paste, and then lightly rub it over the stain with a soft cloth in the direction of the wood grain. Leave the paste on for 30 minutes, and remove it with a clean dry cloth.*

And there you have it. My top five cleaning tips for students.