

The Three Cleaners Cheat Sheet

Clean grime with its opposite. Alkali for grease, acid for limescale.

◆ Baking soda (mildly alkaline)

Removes — grease, burnt residue, odors

How — as a powder, as a paste, or dissolved in water

Use on — pots, cooktops, drains, deodorizing shoe cabinets and fridges

Avoid — aluminum (turns dark)

◆ Citric acid (acidic)

Removes — limescale, hard water spots, urine scale

How — 1 tsp dissolved in 200 ml water, sprayed

Use on — faucets, mirrors, kettles, shower heads, toilets

Avoid — marble, cement grout, iron / never with bleach

◆ Oxygen bleach (sodium percarbonate)

Removes — mold, built-up grime, yellow stains

How — dissolve in water at 40–60°C (104–140°F) and soak; wear gloves

Use on — washer drums, cloths and towels, cutting boards, whites

Avoid — wool and silk, aluminum, metal jewelry / do not store dissolved in a sealed container

Baking soda and citric acid neutralize each other. Use them separately, one after the other.

Full guide: <https://malkkeumi.com/en/magazine/cleaning-agents-guide/>