



## Cleaning Tips

### ...for the Bathroom

Every day: Get in the habit of wiping down the taps, shower screen, bath and basin after each use and limescale won't have a chance to build up. If you are unable to do so, you can use a solution of half vinegar, half water, applied with a soft cloth to the area of limescale - avoiding other parts of the enamel. Or, purchase a proprietary solution from any supermarket or hardware store. Always check manufacturer's instructions first and patch test an area before use. If you are unsure as to whether the item you are cleaning is suitable for our instructions, take professional cleaning advice first.

#### Bath –

Plastic or acrylic baths scratch easily, so steer away from abrasive cleaners - a gentle wipe over with a mild bathroom cleaner and soft cloth should be enough.

If you find yourself faced with a mightily grubby bath, try filling it with warm water, chucking in a scoop or two of biological washing powder and leaving overnight.

Enamelled baths are slightly tougher than acrylic, but are not totally scratch proof either, so leave the scrubbing brush alone. Stains on the enamel can be treated with a paste of bicarbonate of soda mixed with a drop of water.

Cast-iron baths - take great care with these - always test new products on an inconspicuous area before sloshing it all over. Avoid products with anti-limescale ingredients as they may cause the enamel to dull.

#### Basin –

Reaching awkward spots on basins: use an old toothbrush to get to hard-to-reach areas, such as behind taps.

Tackle built up grime with an all-purpose bathroom cleaner - make sure you work it into the base of the taps, overflow and plughole and give the plug and chain (or waste stopper) a go over with the toothbrush, too. Rinse all cleansers off thoroughly with clean water, and if you're feeling energetic, a buff with a paper towel or cloth will leave it looking sparkling clean.

## homesmaid Toilets –

Choose your tools: Toilet brushes keep the bowl at arm's length if you are squeamish but are a haven for germs, so after use the brush and the container need to be thoroughly soaked in a bleach solution and left to dry before putting back in the room. Alternatively, hold your breath and clean the bowl with a cloth, which you can just chuck away.

Every week: Pour a suitable toilet cleaner into the bowl, leave for a few minutes then scrub, getting into the seat hinges and under the rim. Flush, make sure any cleaning product is rinsed away, then flush again.

Don't forget the seat and handle - warm soapy water should be enough to tackle dirt and germs.

Lastly, a build-up of mould and mildew can form and become unsightly if left untreated. Bleach or again a proprietary brand can be purchased and used especially for showers where mould/mildew can form very quickly. As previously mentioned, always read manufacturer's instructions and take advice before use.