

# Sixty Great Uses For Salt

**Although you may not realize it, simple table salt has a great number of uses other than simply seasoning your food.**

**The following list will give you sixty uses of salt, many of which you probably didn't realize:**

- ✓ Soak stained hankies in salt water before washing.
- ✓ *Sprinkle salt on your shelves to keep ants away.*
- ✓ Soak fish in salt water before descaling; the scales will come off easier.
- ✓ *Put a few grains of rice in your salt shaker for easier pouring.*
- ✓ Add salt to green salads to prevent wilting.
- ✓ *Test the freshness of eggs in a cup of salt water; fresh eggs sink; bad ones float.*
- ✓ Add a little salt to your boiling water when cooking eggs; a cracked egg will stay in its shell this way.
- ✓ *A tiny pinch of salt with egg whites makes them beat up fluffier.*
- ✓ Soak wrinkled apples in a mildly salted water solution to perk them up.
- ✓ *Rub salt on your pancake griddle and your flapjacks won't stick.*
- ✓ Soak toothbrushes in salt water before you first use them; they will last longer.
- ✓ *Use salt to clean your discolored coffee pot.*
- ✓ Mix salt with turpentine to whiten you bathtub and toilet bowl.

- ✓ *Soak your nuts in salt brine overnight and they will crack out of their shells whole. Just tap the end of the shell with a hammer to break it open easily.*
- ✓ Boil clothespins in salt water before using them and they will last longer.
- ✓ *Clean brass, copper and pewter with paste made of salt and vinegar, thickened with flour*
- ✓ Add a little salt to the water your cut flowers will stand in for a longer life.
- ✓ *Pour a mound of salt on an ink spot on your carpet; let the salt soak up the stain.*
- ✓ Clean your iron by rubbing some salt on the damp cloth on the ironing surface.
- ✓ *Adding a little salt to the water when cooking foods in a double boiler will make the food cook faster.*
- ✓ Use a mixture of salt and lemon juice to clean piano keys.
- ✓ *To fill plaster holes in your walls, use equal parts of salt and starch, with just enough water to make a stiff putty.*
- ✓ Rinse a sore eye with a little salt water.
- ✓ *Mildly salted water makes an effective mouthwash. Use it hot for a sore throat gargle.*
- ✓ Dry salt sprinkled on your toothbrush makes a good tooth polisher.
- ✓ *Use salt for killing weeds in your lawn.*
- ✓ Eliminate excess suds with a sprinkle of salt.
- ✓ *A dash of salt in warm milk makes a more relaxing beverage.*

- ✓ Before using new glasses, soak them in warm salty water for awhile.
- ✓ *A dash of salt enhances the taste of tea.*
- ✓ Salt improves the taste of cooking apples.
- ✓ *Soak your clothes line in salt water to prevent your clothes from freezing to the line; likewise, use salt in your final rinse to prevent the clothes from freezing.*
- ✓ Rub any wicker furniture you may have with salt water to prevent yellowing.
- ✓ *Freshen sponges by soaking them in salt water.*
- ✓ Add raw potatoes to stews and soups that are too salty.
- ✓ *Soak enamel pans in salt water overnight and boil salt water in them next day to remove burned-on stains.*
- ✓ Clean your greens in salt water for easier removal of dirt.
- ✓ *Gelatin sets more quickly when a dash of salt is added.*
- ✓ Fruits put in mildly salted water after peeling will not discolor.
- ✓ *Fabric colors hold fast in salty water wash.*
- ✓ Milk stays fresh longer when a little salt is added.
- ✓ *Use equal parts of salt and soda for brushing your teeth.*
- ✓ Sprinkle salt in your oven before scrubbing clean.
- ✓ *Soaked discolored glass in a salt and vinegar solution to remove stains.*
- ✓ Clean greasy pans with a paper towel and salt.
- ✓ *Salty water boils faster when cooking eggs.*

- ✓ Add a pinch of salt to whipping cream to make it whip more quickly.
- ✓ *Sprinkle salt in milk-scorched pans to remove odour.*
- ✓ A dash of salt improves the taste of coffee.
- ✓ *Boil mismatched hose in salty water and they will come out matched.*
- ✓ Salt and soda will sweeten the odor of your refrigerator.
- ✓ *Cover wine-stained fabric with salt; rinse in cool water later.*
- ✓ Remove offensive odors from stove with salt and cinnamon.
- ✓ *A pinch of salt improves the flavor of cocoa.*
- ✓ To remove grease stains in clothing, mix one part salt to four parts alcohol.
- ✓ *Salt and lemon juice removes mildew.*
- ✓ Sprinkle salt between sidewalk bricks where you don't want grass growing.
- ✓ *Polish your old kerosene lamp with salt for a brighter look.*
- ✓ Remove odors from sink drainpipes with a strong, hot solution of salt water.
- ✓ *If a pie bubbles over in your oven, put a handful of salt on top of the spilled juice. The mess won't smell and will bake into a dry, light crust which will wipe off easily when the oven has cooled.*

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