

How to clean

or

your guide to understand the selection of Danish cleaning products

Floors

Wooden floors

You have to find out whether your floor is lacquered, oil-treated or treated with natural soap. For all types apply that you have to use as little water as possible. Be sure to force out most of the moisture before you mop the floor.

Lacquered floors

vacuum thoroughly; wash with as little water as possible. If the floor is really dirty you can add a bit of soap flakes (*sæbspåner*).

Oil-treated floors

vacuum thoroughly; wash with as little water as possible. Add a special detergent for oil-treated floors; look in the supermarket for detergents for '*olie-behandlede trægulve*'.

Soap-treated floors

vacuum thoroughly; wash with as little water as possible. Add a special detergent for soap-treated floors; look in the supermarket for detergents for '*sæbe-behandlede trægulve*'.

Do never use liquid soap (the soap you use for washing up dishes), chlorine or other products as they will ruin the floor (it may cost you up to 20.000 DKK to repair a destroyed floor!)

Other types of floors

You can use a multi-purpose domestic detergent (like i.e. Ajax)



Cleaning of bathroom

In most areas of Denmark you will experience that lime scale builds up rapidly at bathroom tiles and in the toilet. If you don't remove it weekly, it will be very costly to remove it at the end of your stay. The expenses will be deducted from your deposit.

Therefore we strongly recommend that you clean the bathroom every week and remove the lime scale.

Toilet

To remove lime scale and rust deposits use WC RENS. Add WC RENS to the toilet, wait 30 minutes and clean with a brush. Repeat, if necessary.

Shower

To remove lime scale use KALKFJERNER. Apply KALKFJERNER to the walls with a brush. Wait 30 minutes and scour the walls/floors with a scrubbing brush. Repeat, if necessary until all lime scale has been removed.

Wash the shower curtain in the washing machine at 30°.

Both WC RENS and KALKFJERNER can be bought in any supermarket. There is a variety of products but the cheapest will do fine. To scrub the walls you can buy a packet of GRYDESVAMPE. They are very cheap and very efficient.

Other surfaces can be cleaned with a multipurpose domestic detergent '**universal rengøringsmiddel**'

Drains

To prevent clogging of the pipes it is a good idea to add some boiling water regularly. Remove hair etc. regularly.

Cleaning of kitchen:

The detergent used for washing up dishes is called '**sulfo**' or just '**opvaskemiddel**'

Oven

Buy a bottle of 'OVN RENS' and follow the instructions on the bottle. Normally you have to add the product to the sides of the oven, heat up the oven and then rinse off the product.

Electric burner/ceramic range

You need to use a special scraper regularly. Hereafter you use KERAMIKRENS (a special product that can be bought cheaply in any supermarket).

Range hood (emhætte)

Remove the filters from the range hood. Place them in a bucket with hot water and detergent (for instance AJAX) for an hour. Rinse with clean water, dry and replace.

For the general cleaning you use '**universal rengøringsmiddel**' like Ajax.



Washing machine

Washing powder is called '**vaskepulver**'.

Use only powder meant for the washing machine – which is not the same as for hand washing.

In general

There is no reason to use chlorine for the normal cleaning. It may do more harm than good!

Contact the International Centre housing@au.dk if you feel unsure how to handle your cleaning!!

Airing your room

To prevent damages due to moisture it is very important that you every day open more windows to make the air circulate.

Do that twice a day for 10 minutes (remember to switch of the heat meanwhile).

