

# How to Clean

## Or, Your Guide to Danish Cleaning Products

All cleaning products can be easily found in most if not all supermarkets. There is a variety of products but the cheapest will do fine.

### GENERAL CLEANING OF SURFACES

Use a cleaning detergent ('universal rengøringsmiddel') like Ajax.



### FLOOR

#### Lacquered wooden floors

Vacuum thoroughly. Wash with as little water as possible; be sure to force out most of the moisture before you mop the floor. If the floor is very dirty, you can add a bit of soap flakes ('sæbspåner').

Never use liquid soap (the soap you use for washing up dishes), chlorine or other products, as they can 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 Ajax)



## BATHROOM

In Denmark, you will experience that lime scale builds up rapidly at bathroom tiles and in the toilet. If you do not 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 toilet cleaner ('WC rens'). Add to the toilet, wait 30 minutes, and clean with the brush. Repeat if necessary.



### Shower

To remove lime scale, use lime scale remover ('kalkfjerner'). Apply to the tiles. 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°.

To scrub the walls in the shower you can buy a packet of scrub sponges. They are very cheap and very efficient.



## KITCHEN

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



### Oven

Buy a bottle of oven cleaner ('ovnrens') and follow the instructions on the bottle. Normally you have to add the product to the insides of the oven, heat up the oven and then rinse off the product.



### Stove

- Regular stove: Put a good layer of soft soap ('brun sæbe') on the stove and let it sit for a few minutes before rinsing off.



- Ceramic stove: Use a special scraper regularly. Hereafter you use oven cleaner for ceramic stoves ('keramikrens'). It can be found in any supermarket. Let it sit on the surface for a few minutes before rinsing off.



### Range hood

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.

## IN GENERAL

There is no reason to use chlorine for the normal cleaning. It may do more harm than good! You are always welcome to contact the International Centre at [housing@au.dk](mailto:housing@au.dk) if you feel unsure of how to handle your cleaning.

### **Airing your room**

To prevent damages due to moisture it is very important that you open a window to make the air circulate. Do that twice a day for 10 minutes (remember to switch off the heat meanwhile).

