🏡 Tenant Success Tip: Winning the Battle Against Hard Water

As many of you know, our area has hard water, which can leave mineral deposits on tubs, toilets, sinks, faucets, shower heads, and appliances. The best way to prevent heavy buildup is with consistent weekly cleaning. Here are some of our favorite cleaners.

CLEANERS	WHAT IT CLEANS	COST FROM WALMART
Citric Acid Fiberglass Cleaner (Each Apt has a kit)	Fiberglass Tub/Shower	Mrs. Wages Citric Acid (In canning section) $7.23 12 oz
White Vinegar	Shower Heads or anything with hard water	$1.76 for 32 oz
Bar Keepers Friend Soft Cleanser Squeeze Bottle	Anything but the tub: stoves, stainless steel, porcelain sinks and toilets, cookware, rust, hard water, soap scum	$2.97
Lysol Lime & Rust Toilet Cleaner	General toilet-bowl grime	$2.67
Scrubbing Bubbles Bathroom Grime Fighter Spray	Toilet or sinks	$3.97
Pumice Stone	Toilet bowl hard-water rings, buildup under the toilet rim	$1.98
CLR (Calcium, Lime & Rust)	Hard water, rust, and on Fiberglass Tubs if needed	$5.28

Tubs & Showers

- For VERY heavy build up: Spray CLR on stained areas, cover with paper towels, spray towels until soaked, let sit for 20-30 minutes, remove towels, gently wipe down with magic eraser or microfiber cloth.
- For heavy buildup: ¼ cup Citric Acid mixed with hot water in a 1 quart spray bottle.
- For weekly maintenance: 1-2 Tablespoons Citric Acid mixed with hot water in a 1 quart spray bottle.
- See instruction paper in your cleaning kit, we provided you, for more details. If you don’t have a cleaning kit, please text 208-656-5363.

Toilets

- Use Lysol Lime & Rust Toilet Cleaner to scrub inside the toilet.
- A pumice stone can help remove stubborn buildup in the toilet bowl. Wet the end of the stone before scrubbing.
- Scrubbing Bubbles Bathroom Grime Fighter Spray to clean on the outside of the toilet.

Watch Video on how to remove hard water stains from a toilet bowl:
https://heartlandapartmentsinrexburg.com/tenant-information/

Faucets, Shower Heads & Stainless Steel

- Bar Keepers Friend or Scrubbing Bubbles Bathroom Grime Fighter Spray or your favorite spray.
- White vinegar can be used to soak faucets and shower heads overnight by securing a bag of vinegar around the fixture secured with a rubber band.
- CLR is also effective for stubborn mineral deposits.

A little preventative maintenance each week can save a lot of scrubbing later and help keep your apartment looking great! (Some of the information is thanks to Sarah, our wonderful cleaner!)

🏠 **Why It Matters:**
Hard water buildup gets harder to remove the longer it sits. A few minutes of weekly cleaning can prevent stubborn buildup, protect your fixtures, and keep your apartment looking great.

🏠 **Future Homeowner Skill: Preventative maintenance.** Homeowners learn that taking care of small problems regularly is much easier—and less expensive—than waiting until they become big problems.