**Some great uses for anyone with a can of WD-40**

**I have a can of WD-40 in my garage and only use it to free locks that are frozen or stuck. But there are dozens of other uses for WD-40 that can be useful to anyone. So click on the following link and find out more than thirty (30) different uses for that can of WD-40 we have all stored in the garage, basement, or wherever you store your maintenance tools.**

<https://www.familyhandyman.com/list/brilliant-ways-to-use-wd-40/>

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**SOURCE:**

**WD-40 is well known as a lubricant, but it has a ton of other game-changing applications around the house. Here are 34 unique ways to use WD-40**

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1. **Keep Dead Bugs Off Your Car Grille**

It’s bad enough that your grille and hood get splattered with bugs every time you drive down the interstate, and it’s not easy to [clean bugs and tar](https://www.familyhandyman.com/article/bug-and-tar-remover-cars-trucks/) off your car. Just spray some WD-40 on the grille and hood before going for a drive and most of the critters will slide right off. The few bugs left will be easy to wipe off later without damaging your car’s finish.



ISARAVUT/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Renew Faded Plastic Furniture**

Bring color and shine back to faded plastic [patio furniture](https://www.familyhandyman.com/list/12-incredible-pieces-of-diy-outdoor-furniture/). Simply spray WD-40 directly on the surface and wipe with a clean, dry cloth. You’ll be surprised at the results.



SRDJAN RANDJELOVIC/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Remove ‘Paint Rub’ From Another Car**

Picture this: you return to your parked car to find that while you were gone, another vehicle got a bit too close for comfort. Luckily there’s no dent, but now your car has a blotch of “paint rub” from the other car on it. To remove paint-rub stains on your car and restore its original finish, spray the affected area with WD-40, wait a few seconds, then wipe with a clean rag.



ANDREY\_POPOV/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Clean Carpet Stains**

Don’t let ink or other stains ruin your fine carpet. Spray the stain with WD-40, wait a minute or two, and then use your regular carpet cleaner or gently cleanse with a sponge and warm, soapy water. Continue until [the stain is completely gone](https://www.familyhandyman.com/list/cleaning-tips-and-tricks-to-make-your-home-shine/).

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1. **Keep Wooden Tool Handles Splinter Free**

No tools can last forever, but you can prolong the life of your wood-handled tools if you keep them from splintering. Just rub a generous amount of WD-40 into the wood. It shields the wood from moisture and other corrosive elements and keeps it smooth and splinter-free for the life of the tool.



IGORSTEVANOVIC/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Prevent Snow Buildup on Windows**

Does the weather forecast predict a big winter snowstorm? You can’t stop the snow from falling, but you can prevent it from building up on your house’s windows with a little bit of WD-40. Just spray WD-40 over the outside of your windows before the snow starts and the snow won’t stick.



RUTH SWAN/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Keep Wasps from Building Nests.**

Don’t let [yellow jackets and wasps](https://www.familyhandyman.com/project/how-to-deter-bees-and-wasps-and-identify-which-is-which/) ruin your spring and summer fun. Their favorite place to build nests is under eaves, so next spring mist some WD-40 under all the eaves of your house. It will block the wasps from building their nests there.

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1. **Tone Down Polyurethane Shine**

A new coat of polyurethane can sometimes make a [wood floor](https://www.familyhandyman.com/article/how-to-clean-wood-floors/) look a little too shiny. To tone down the shine and cut the glare, spray some WD-40 onto a soft cloth and wipe up the floor with it.



PANYAWAT BOOTANOM/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Keep Spiders Away**

So what’s the WD in WD-40 stand for? Water displacing. WD-40 is mainly used as a solvent. It has lubricant-like properties that do not come from the substance itself, but rather from dissolving components.

Have a fear of spiders? Just spray some WD-40 on places where spiders, ants and [other insects can get in](https://www.familyhandyman.com/list/diy-pest-control-strategies/), such as windowsills and door frames. It will keep the spiders and other bugs out.



ZAXKY EX/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Waterproof Shoes and Boots**

If it’s wet outside, give the tops and sides of your shoes or boots a coat of WD-40 before you head out the door. WD-40 acts as a barrier so moisture can’t seep into your shoes and get your socks wet.



ARTSIOM KUCHYNSKI/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Fix Squeaky Hinges**

Nothing can be more irritating than a squeaky hinge on a door. Apply some WD-40, rotate it back and forth, and the squeak should vanish.



STEFAN HOLM/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Keep Squirrels Away from Bird Feeders**

It happens all the time: Just as you fill your bird feeder with seed, [the squirrels get into it](https://www.familyhandyman.com/article/how-to-squirrel-proof-bird-feeder/) and eat it all before the birds have a chance. Next time you fill up the feeder, just spray a good coat of WD-40 on top of the feeder and those rodents will slip right off.

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1. **Get Poop Off Your Shoe**

You return home and discover you stepped in dog do-do while on your evening walk. No problem! Just spray some WD-40 on the sole of your shoe and [use an old toothbrush](https://www.familyhandyman.com/list/brilliant-ways-to-repurpose-an-old-toothbrush/) to clean the poop out of the crevices. Rinse with cold water and your shoes will be as good as new.



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1. **Remove Chewing Gum**

Forget peanut butter. Next time your child gets bubble gum stuck in their hair, spray it with some WD-40, then comb it out and rinse thoroughly.

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1. **Get Rid of Sticky Fingers**

Next time you’re working on a project and accidentally get some super glue stuck to your fingers, just spray the area with WD-40. The sticky glue will come off when you rub your hands together.



SCHARFSINN/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Break in a New Baseball Glove**

Another one of the great WD-40 uses you haven’t thought of yet? Use WD-40 instead of neat’s-foot oil to break in a new baseball or softball glove. Spray the glove with WD-40, put a baseball in the palm, and fold it sideways. Take a rubber band or belt and tie it around the folded glove. The WD-40 will help soften the leather and form around the baseball, creating a pocket. Keep the glove tied up overnight, then wear it for a while so it will fit the shape of your hand.



SIAM.PUKKATO/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Remove a Paint Smudge**

When you find a [paint smudge on your car](https://www.familyhandyman.com/project/car-paint-repair-touch-up-painting/) — say from a rogue shopping cart in the parking lot — spray the area with WD-40 and wipe with a clean rag. It will remove the smudge.

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MCARPER/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Remove Tight Jewelry**

Ring too tight? A quick spray of WD-40 will help you slide it right off your finger.



NITO/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Loosen a Zipper**

That stubborn jacket zipper doesn’t stand a chance against WD-40. Just spray some directly on the zipper and move the pull up and down the teeth a few times. For other issues, check out these different ways to [repair the zipper](https://www.familyhandyman.com/list/how-to-fix-a-zipper/) on your jacket.



ANDREI KHOLMOV/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Remove Floor Scuff Marks**

If mopping doesn’t remove scuff marks from the floor, try spraying some WD-40 on the marks and then wipe them away. The lubricant shouldn’t harm the floor, but test in an inconspicuous place if you’re concerned.



MEGA PIXEL/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Get Rid of Sticky Residue**

Remove the residue left behind by stickers, tape and labels. Just spray with WD-40, wait about a minute then wipe the residue away with a cloth.



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1. **Oil Spots**

If there’s an ugly [oil spot on your garage floor](https://www.familyhandyman.com/project/clean-garage-floors-remove-oil-stains-from-concrete/) or the driveway, give the spot a good coat with WD-40 then hose it down. The spot should disappear once the water dries.



FLOKI/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Kill Weeds**

Some gardeners will tell you WD-40 works great as a [weed killer.](https://www.familyhandyman.com/project/how-to-eliminate-weeds-from-your-grass/) Try using it on thistle. It should wither and die, allowing you to then pull it out, root and all, so it doesn’t return to your yard.



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1. **Clean the Toilet**

Remove lime stains from the toilet bowl by spraying in some WD-40. Then just scrub with a toilet brush and flush.



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1. **Keep Shovel or Chute Snow Free**

Here is a simple tip to make shoveling snow quicker and less strenuous by keeping the snow from sticking to your shovel and weighing it down. Spray a thin layer of WD-40 on the shovel blade, and the snow will slide right off. If you have a snow thrower, spray WD-40 on the inside of the chute so snow won’t stick and clog the chute.



MIHASTOCK/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Remove Hair Dye Stains**

If you color your hair at home and some of the dye stains your towel, spray some WD-40 on the stain and rub it in. Then toss the towel in the washer and run on a hot cycle.

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1. **Quick Diverter Lube**

Over time, [the hard water in our area leaves deposits](https://www.familyhandyman.com/list/the-13-reasons-why-you-need-a-water-softener/) in the moving parts of the plumbing. When the tub spout diverter clogs, use WD-40 with its spray nozzle curved up the spout to the diverter valve. A couple of sprays loosens things up.



BRIAN A JACKSON/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Keep Car Locks from Freezing**

If an ice storm is in the forecast, spray WD-40 in the [locks of your car.](https://www.familyhandyman.com/project/lubricate-car-locks-hinges-and-latches/) It will prevent water from seeping in and freezing the lock.



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1. **Free Stuck LEGOs**

Next time your child asks you to pull apart those stubborn, tiny little [LEGO pieces](https://www.familyhandyman.com/list/top-10-lego-tables-youve-got-to-see/), give them a quick squirt of WD-40. They’ll come apart much easier.



KAYAME/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Remove Crayon and Marker from Walls**

Oops, your kids colored the wall. No problem! Spray some WD-40 on the wall, then wipe off the crayon or marker with a clean rag. If you have wallpaper, do a quick test first.



CUNAPLUS/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Remove Paint from Leather**

If you’re painting a drop or two of paint lands on your leather couch, spray the spot with WD-40 and wipe with a clean rag. The paint will come right off.

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AMAWASRI PAKDARA/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Remove Grease**

Instead of leaving grease all over the [bathroom sink](https://www.familyhandyman.com/project/unclog-a-bathroom-sink-without-chemicals/), spray your hands with WD-40 as soon as you’re finished working on your car. Rub them together, then wipe with a paper towel and follow with [some soap and water](https://www.familyhandyman.com/article/how-to-wash-your-hands-the-right-way/).



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1. **Lubricate the Gas Tank Lid**

The [gas tank lid](https://www.familyhandyman.com/project/lubricate-car-locks-hinges-and-latches/) really takes abuse, especially in salty environments. A squirt of [WD-40](https://www.amazon.com/WD-40-Multi-Use-Product-STRAW-SPRAYS-6-Pack/dp/B01ECA63ZE/?tag=fhmeag-20) a few times a year prevents rusting. Wipe away any excess to keep it from dripping onto (and damaging) your car’s finish.



DMYTRO VIETROV/SHUTTERSTOCK

1. **Remove Old Wax From Skis and Snowboards**

To remove old wax and dirt from skis and snowboards, spray the base sparingly with WD-40 before scraping with an acrylic scraper. Use a brass brush to further clean the base and remove any oxidized base material.