

HOME CARE GUIDE

Bath

Exhaust fan

Maintenance

Follow these guidelines to keep your bathroom's exhaust fan working properly.

- Run the exhaust fan during and after a shower or bath to remove moisture from the air. It's recommended that you run the fan for approximately 30 minutes afterward.
- Make sure the fan is pulling air. To check, turn on the fan and hold a tissue near the grille; the tissue should hold tightly to the grille.
- Clean the fan unit on a regular basis. Dust and dirt can restrict air movement and encourage mold growth. To clean the unit, make sure the fan is off, and remove the cover. From here, you should be able to unplug and remove the fan unit from the ceiling.
- Remove dust from the fan unit using a can of compressed air.
- Clean the fan blades as needed. To access the blades, make sure the fan is off, and then remove the cover. Wipe the blades with a damp cloth. Replace the cover when you're done.
- Clean the fan cover as needed. To clean the cover, make sure the fan is off, and then remove the cover. You can clean it with warm water and dishwashing detergent. Make sure it's completely dry before you replace the cover.
- Clean the fan filter on a regular basis, if applicable. Not all exhaust fans have a filter.

CAUTION!

Make sure you turn off the fan and unplug it before performing any maintenance. If you're in doubt, turn off the circuit breaker at the circuit breaker panel.