

# CLEANING TRASH CANS

Hygiene around the house is super important. No one likes to use a smelly toilet or get a whiff of an unclean sink. But it can be just as important outside. Trash cans are all too often overlooked. But with all that nasty trash that gets thrown in there, split trash bags, and rotting food make way for a stinky environment. It can even attract unwanted critters like raccoons and bears. No offense meant Jasper and Roland. So this SkillTrek is all about addressing this issue.

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### EARN THIS NUGGET

- Clean out two trash cans. If you only have one, do a good deep clean for a neighbor too.
- Give the indoor trash cans a once over also, if they need it, while you have the equipment out.

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1. So, the first thing you'll need to find is a good area to clean your can. On the lawn is pretty ideal or near a drain.

2. Next, pick a day when the can is not full. For obvious reasons, it's better to plan to do this right after trash collection. Otherwise you'll have to get quite creative.

3. You'll want to use a detergent, probably a dish detergent. Squirt it down the sides and use the hose on a gentle setting to wash the detergent down the sides of the can. The worst gunk is likely to be at the bottom. Hot water can also help to loosen some of that filth.

4. For extreme cases, some people will mix bleach and laundry detergent with warm water and really soak that can. Be careful whenever you mix cleaning products. Some products can react with each other and even create highly toxic gas. Always do this stuff outside or in a very well ventilated area.

5. After a good soak, tip the can on its side and with a more aggressive setting, use the hose to spray the can out.

6. Inspect and do some spot cleaning in any stubborn areas.

7. Finally, the job is not done until everything is put away. You may want to change your clothes and have a shower yourself.

