



## **BATHROOM VENTS**

## **MAINTENANCE TIPS**

Maintenance of bathroom vents is crucial to ensure proper air circulation in the bathroom. Dust on the exhaust fan can settle into a motor and damage it; grime build up can cause a fan to become moldy. Worst of all, moist air that does not circulate tends to accumulate and eventually seep into the bathroom walls and cabinetry, which can lead to mold growth.

## **STEPS TO CLEAN YOUR FAN EVERY 6 MONTHS...**

- Turn off the exhaust fan and pat it with a dry cloth.
- Pull out the fan unit and unscrew the metal screws holding the metal bracket. Unplug
  the wires that have been hardwired into the motor unit.
- Place the blades and the motor on a dry towel. You can use an old toothbrush to scrape off the dirt.
- Use a vacuum cleaner with a small nozzle attached to the hose for sucking out debris.
- Prepare a tubful of cleaning mix consisting of water and bathroom or kitchen cleaner.
- Soak the disengaged air vent parts in this solution.
- Take out the venting components after 10 minutes. Wipe each part with a sponge and then dry the parts with a towel. Let them dry in the sun or in a dry part of the house for at least two hours to ensure all the moisture from cleaning has evaporated.
- Then, carefully reinstall the fan unit, reversing the steps you used to remove it.

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