

Cleaning the Stove

We know that cleaning the stove is not the nicest job in any flat.

This leaflet is designed not to lecture you but to help first time cleaners, or anyone who would like some tips, on how to do a grotty job as simply as possible. Please pass on any helpful hints to the Office for inclusion in the next update

Cleaning buckets, including Oven Cleaner, are supplied to each flat.

1 Cleaning the Oven

Read the instructions on the Oven Cleaner bottle or can.

- Switch off oven
- Wear rubber gloves.
- Before you spray the oven, put rolled up newspaper, or paper towels, along the bottom of the door (to prevent drips onto the floor).
- Put newspaper on the floor in front of the stove.
- Remove metal shelves from the oven and put on bench with lots of newspaper underneath.
- Spray carefully. Use spray on cold oven. Try to avoid spraying the elements too much.
- When you have sprayed the oven, shut the door and go away and study for half a day or so. (or give yourself a treat!).

2 Removing the spray

- Wear rubber gloves at all times.
- Spread newspaper on the floor around the stove (if you haven't already done so).
- Wipe most of the spray off the oven door – it is a good idea to use newspaper or kitchen towels to take the worst off.
- Remove the oven door and put it out the way on some newspaper.

- Wipe out the worst of the spray, from the oven, with newspaper or a kitchen towel. Get a bucket of hot water. You may need to use lots of "elbow grease", scouring pads etc as well as rags and several buckets of hot water to get the oven really clean. Make sure you rinse all the spray off properly.
- Attack the door with scouring pads, rags etc. It is easier if you lay it flat on the floor. Put the door back on.
- Attack the shelves with scouring pads etc. They should be silver when you have finished. (Not black or brown with patches of silver showing through!).

3 The stove top

Keeping stove turned off at the wall

- Remove all elements if you can. Prop up top of oven and clean drip tray underneath. (You can get new disposable aluminum foil oven trays and drip trays for under the top elements from the Office).
- Clean the top of the stove with Jif or general purpose cleaner, not oven spray.
- Put all back together again.
- The knobs probably pull off. If you can remove them easily, put them in a sink of hot water to soak and remove the grease. Scrub and replace the knobs.

If you have any problems putting it all back together, please ask for help, don't try and fix it yourself.

4. Around the oven

When you have a sparkling clean oven, pull the stove out from the wall and clean the sides of the stove, floor and walls around the stove with general purpose cleaner and a scrubbing brush. You may need to use some Jif- but be careful not to remove paint etc with scouring powder.

Sweep and scrub the floors. Thoroughly wash the walls to remove all grease.

Push stove back in, switch on and check to see if it all works.