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NOW HERE'S A TIP

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- Save the peels from your oranges and dry them at a low temperature in the oven. You can add them to a pot of coffee or tea for a flavor boost that is refreshing and delicious.

- “If your tomato garden is experiencing caterpillars, try planting dillweed near to your tomato plants. It can provide a diversion, allowing your tomatoes to grow!” — Y.F. in Florida

- Cure your color in new garments (especially dark-colored or bright-colored) by soaking the item in cold, salty water before washing. Make sure that the fabric will allow!

- “Take good care of quality paint brushes, and they will take care of you! Wash thoroughly in soapy water and be certain to rinse very well. After the brush is washed, combine enough water to cover the bristles and add 2 tablespoons of fabric softener. Swish for a minute or two, being sure to get it in the brush good, then hang to drip dry. Before you use the brush to paint, simply rinse the fabric softener away.” — M.E. in Washington

- Baking soda can be used as a tooth scrub, and it's particularly effective against stains, as it is a mild abrasive.

- “When you are dusting, don't forget the light bulbs. Dusty light bulbs can contribute to less-bright lighting and can shorten the life of your bulbs. Turn lights off when you are not using them. You will save electricity that way.” — A.L. in Oklahoma

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