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NOW HERE'S A TIP

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- To remove stubborn hard water deposits from a shower head (without removing it), do this trick: Add a cup of plain white vinegar to a zipper-top sandwich bag (or a larger bag with added vinegar to fit larger showerheads). Submerge shower head in the vinegar and draw bag up tightly around the stem. Use a rubber band to secure the plastic bag around the showerhead. Leave overnight. Remove, scrub and shower to release the deposits.

- “When moving, use foam plates as separators for your dinner plates. Use kitchen towels to wrap serving platters. If you have a box that separates glasses, drop a spice jar into each glass. Use all the space and you’ll have less boxes to move.” — P.L. in South Carolina

- Borax can be used to keep sidewalks free of weeds. Simply sprinkle a little Borax on the sidewalk and sweep into the cracks. This is a very effective weed killer, but it will also kill your grass if you use too much, so keep it in the cracks only!

- “Have a stripped screw? Place a wide rubber band over the head and insert your drill. The rubber band fills in the stripped spots and makes the drill catch the screw. It works most of the time.” — D.D. in Nebraska

- “Make audio recordings or short videos of you reading your children’s favorite books for them to play when you are busy doing housework, working or cooking.” — K.A. in Oregon

- If you have a sticky zipper, try running a candle along the zipper face, then zipping it up and down a few times.

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