



## Spring Cleaning for the Birds

1. **Gather** the following materials:

- Long Brush
- Old toothbrush
- Rubber gloves
- Mild liquid soap or detergent (unscented is best)
- White distilled vinegar
- Bleach
- Hydrogen peroxide

2. **Place** your feeders in a tub (or sink) filled with warm water and a squirt of dishwashing soap. Wearing gloves, scrub all parts of the feeder and rinse thoroughly with hot water.

3. **Empty** tub or sink and fill again with clean water and 4 cups of vinegar.

If you have very stubborn areas of mold on the feeder, soak it separately in water with a *small* amount of bleach for an hour. (**Never** combine bleach and vinegar!)

4. **Clean** mold in tight places with hydrogen peroxide and a brush. Spray peroxide on, let it sit, rinse thoroughly.

5. **Rinse** thoroughly at least 3-4 times with hot water. Be sure to wash your hands during and after this chore.

6. **Fill** with fresh seed or nectar after your feeders are fully cleaned and dried. Throw away any old or moldy seed or nectar. Birds don't mind if your seed has some bugs in it, but they dislike old, stale seed.

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