

Eight Alternative Uses for Cola

Be it one of the two mega brands available throughout the world or a budget cola, to what other uses can the sparkling drink be put?



1. As an ease to diarrhoea symptoms

To use as an effective treatment for a loose bowel complaint, get a bottle of cola and at room temperature, leave the cap off until it goes flat. Then drink a glassful of the flat cola every couple of hours which will sooth the stomach. A tip to speed up the process of the cola losing its fizz is to add a little sugar (a teaspoonful should suffice).

An ideal remedy when your local pharmacy is closed.

2. Cleaning burnt saucepans

To clean saucepans that have had hard dried, burnt on food inside that has become encrusted, pour in some cola and bring to the boil. Continue to boil for a few minutes and your saucepan will return to a former state. This tip is best not used with non-stick coated saucepans however.

3. To fade (and even start to remove) hair dye.

To help fade dyed hair, pour over a bottle of diet cola (it has to be diet or lite cola). Leave it for a while and then wash out as normal. It will help to remove the dye. Also a tip to remove chewing gum that can get stuck in your hair is to try and dip the hair in a small bowl for a few minutes. After that time you should be able to wipe the gum from your hair.

4. Cleaning tile grout

To return your tile grout to that pristine white colour, try cleaning it with a cloth dipped in cola. You'll be surprised at the result.

5. As a carpet stain cleaner.

Especially as a use for cleaning permanent marker stains from your carpet, pour a bottle of cola over the stain and leave it to dry. When dry, use a scrubbing brush to lift the stains and then wipe the area with soapy water and rinse.

6. To ease cold symptoms

In order to ease the symptoms of the common cold, pour a can of cola into a pan and add some ginger. Bring it to the boil and then let it simmer for a few minutes. Drink while warm and amazingly it will ease the symptoms.

7. De-scaling your kettle

Fill your kettle with approx. 2 litres of cola and then leave it to settle for a day. Then pour it away and rinse a few times and finally wipe clean and your kettle will be dirt free. This is probably not a very useful idea however in a house where the kettle gets lots of use.

8. And finally....

There is a myth that in some US states the police patrols carry up to 2 gallons of a very famous cola for use to clean blood off the highway after an accident. A TV show on the Discovery channel actually experimented with cola to clean blood and found it worked well. It does make you wonder as to the effects of cola upon your insides when drinking it....