

Eight Alternative Uses for Sugar

Whenever you think of sugar, you immediately consider the white granules that are sprinkled on cereal or sweeten your tea. But sugar can be put to many other varied uses. A selection of which are as follows:



1. Removing grass stains

When your cherub comes home with their clothes covered in grass stains, make a paste from sugar and water and pour onto the stains. Gently rub the paste in and leave for an hour or so (the worse the stain, the longer it should be left). Then wash the garment in the washing machine as normal and the stains should be gone. Amazing but it works!

2. Cut flower food

If you add some sugar to your vase of cut flowers, when dissolved it will nourish the stems and keep the flowers fresher for longer. Another tip is to add a tablespoon of vinegar which prevents the growth of mould and bacteria in the vase.

3. Food burn painkiller

On occasions when you burn your tongue on hot food or drinks, if you rub some sugar on your tongue it will ease the terrible pain.

4. Keeping biscuits fresh

If you have a problem with biscuits going soggy due to excess moisture, then sprinkle some sugar into your biscuit tin. It absorbs the moisture and keeps them fresh.

5. Skin softener

Sugar is ideal as an emergency remedy to hard skin. Mix some sugar and water and apply to the hard skin area with a puff ball. Rinse like normal and you will find your skin much softer.

6. Cockroach remover

Sugar attracts cockroaches, but a mixture of sugar and baking powder will help to get rid of them. Mix an equal amount of both and sprinkle in affected areas to see the roaches disappear.

7. Wasp traps

Take 50 grams of sugar, add to a little water and then boil it to make a sticky liquid. Wasps will be attracted by the smell and when they go to feed they will be unable to get out.

8. Hair modelling gel

An old friend of mine was very keen on Rock-a-Billy music (The Stray Cats etc) and he used to style his hair with a large quiff at the front. This was achieved by using a sugar and water solution which stiffened the hair ready for styling. I would not recommend this practice however as on warm days it used to make a rather unpleasant smell.