

# Ladies Have You Heard?

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### ABOUT FABRIC SOFTENERS

Static cling is a winter annoyance with synthetic and permanent press fabrics. To reduce static cling, add fabric softener to your laundry. It will also give softness and fluffiness to those fabrics you launder.

There are two basic types of fabric softeners. They are liquid softeners, which you add to the rinse cycle of your washer, and the tear-off sheets which come on a roll and are used in the dryer. If you do not have a fabric softener dispenser on your washer, you will find the tear-off sheets more convenient.

The tear-off sheet is basically a carrier of the softening formulation. You can get the same effect by saturating a wash cloth in liquid fabric softener and adding it to the load in your dryer.

It is not necessary to use fabric softener in every wash load, occasional use is adequate. In fact, using fabric softeners regularly with towels can cause them to become less absorbent.

Never add any kind of fabric softener to a bleach dispenser or a detergent dispenser. These features are not equipped to handle softeners.

Be careful not to pour fabric softener directly onto fabrics as it may cause staining. The stains can attract soil and rust in water, and you will end up with stains that look like grease. To remove fabric softener stains, wet the areas, rub it with a bar of hand soap, rinse in warm water, then wash the entire garment in the usual manner. If you still see the stain, it may be from rust. In that case apply a rust remover.

### HOW TO CLEAN BRASS, COPPER AND BRONZE

As you clean your home

after the holiday season, you may uncover an antique candlestick in need of polish, a dull bronze statue or a copper bowl covered with tarnish. And while most metals need to be cleaned and polished to retain their beauty, each metal is usually cared for differently. Using the wrong polish may even damage the finish. Some metals have a protective lacquer coating and harsh cleaning may remove the lacquer.

To clean unlacquered brass, wash it in hot suds, dry carefully, then polish with a commercial brass polish. Finally, use a flannel cloth to get a high gloss finish. Lacquered brass is never polished. Just dust it or wash it in mild lukewarm suds and wipe dry. Brass with an antique finish can be rubbed with a little lemon oil, then with a dry cloth.

For tarnished copper, use commercial cleaning products. Or, make your own copper cleanser with equal parts of salt, flour and vinegar. Apply and rub, then wash with hot soapsuds, rinse and polish. Lacquered copper can be dusted or washed in mild soapsuds, rinsed and dried thoroughly.

If bronze needs more than dusting, wash it with mild soapsuds, hot vinegar or hot buttermilk. Rinse immediately and thoroughly dry the piece. Just use a damp cloth to wipe lacquered bronze.

Remember, metals will be easier to clean and polish if they are cared for regularly.



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To prove she enjoys building, Melinda speaks of her latest venture "I just bought seven acres of my own woodland on which to put a house."

She plans to build a solar home of her own on this land despite the fact that they killed two rattlesnakes there this past summer.



Melinda's sense of humor is one of her chief assets. Here she gives a little cheese cake beside her John Deere tractor.

"That just proves it's a woodland area," Melinda laughs."

Though her sense of humor seems to be her chief asset, her love of animals is also an admirable quality. She owns - besides a few Holstein calves and cows - 25 cats, 2 chickens and 2 dogs.

Her dogs, D.J. and Tigger, are a Saint Bernard and a "Heinz 57" dog, because Tigger is a little bit of everything," she says.

When she's not working in the field (her favorite job), or milking the cows, Melinda can be found doing most anything from riding dirt bikes to, on the other extreme, sewing. "I like to make my own clothes. It's cheaper too," she added.

Of her future, Melinda says, "I'm content now. If I'd ever go back to school, I'd like to get a degree in dairy production. But I'm not sure I need it. My dad teases me now that he sent his hired hand to school so I could come back and teach him. Instead he ended up having to teach me things I never learned at college!"

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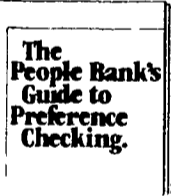
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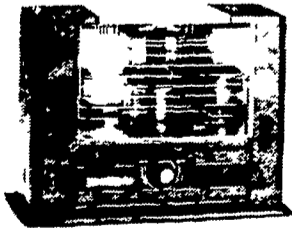
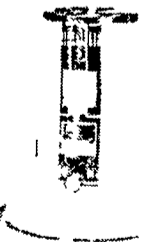
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