

WD-40 Uses

Attract fish. When sprayed on fishing bait, WD-40 covers up the scent of human hands on the bait to better lure fish, according to *USA Today*. The WD-40 Company receives hundreds of letters from consumers confirming this use, but prefers not to promote WD-40 as a fishing lure since the petroleum-based product could potentially pollute rivers and streams, damaging the ecosystem.

Cure Mange. While spraying a dog with WD-40 gets rid of parasitic mites, according to USA Today, the WD-40 Company, feeling that the potential misuse of the product is too great, refuses to condone using WD-40 to cure mange on animals.

Prevent squirrels from climbing into a birdhouse. Spray WD-40 on the metal pole or wires.

Remove a ring stuck on a finger. Several medical journals claim that WD-40 is the perfect cure for a toe stuck in the bathtub faucet, a finger stuck in soda bottle, or a ring stuck on a finger.

Remove chewing gum, crayon, tar, and Silly Putty from most surfaces. Spray on WD-40, wait, and wipe.

Clean clogged spray paint can nozzles. Remove the nozzles from the spray paint can and the WD-40 can, place the nozzle from the spray paint can on the WD-40 can, give it a couple of quick squirts, and replace both nozzles.

Thread electrical wire through conduits. Spray WD-40 on the electrical wire to help it glide through winding conduits.

Clean sap from equipment. Spray with WD-40, wait, and wipe clean.

Prevent mud and clay build-up on bicycles. Spray the bicycle with a thin coat of WD-40.

Remove baked-on food from a cookie pan. Spray WD-40 on cookie pan and wipe clean. Then wash with soap and water.

Remove dirt and grime from barbecue grills. Remove the grill from the barbecue, spray with WD-40, wait, and wipe clean. Then wash with soap and water.

Keep dogs, maggots, and flies out of trash cans. Coat the trash cans with a thin layer of WD-40.

Free a tongue stuck to frozen metal in winter. Spray WD-40 on the metal around the tongue.