



# The Whitehursts'

## Dry Cleaning News

Ready to Wear. Every Time. Guaranteed!

JUNE 2022



Mark and Family David and Sherry

## Clean Your Barbeque Grill Grates Naturally

Does your grill have a crusty buildup of burnt-on mystery mess? I use a grill and a smoker a lot and mine need regular attention for several reasons.

The food buildup on your grill grates can affect the flavor. The mystery mess might be a build up of pork from that hunk of meat you smoked or grilled over Memorial Day. You don't want that rib eye steak you're grilling this weekend to taste like old pork butt.

Experienced grillers know that grill marks on the beef, chicken, or seafood are an important element to having the best looking protein on the plate. Looks are an important part of great cooking. But if you have buildup of mystery mess on your grill grates, you will get inconsistent grill marks. You will also get inconsistent cooking temperatures, which is important with any protein, but especially with seafood.

So it's time to get your grill grates clean and spotless. Here are five ways to do this without using harsh chemicals. If one method doesn't work fully, repeat that method, or try another one.

1. With a warm grill (but no flames), place a few sheets of water-soaked

newspaper over the grill grates and close the grill lid. Allow the mild heat to create steam from the moisture in the paper for about an hour. Then open the grill, remove the newspaper, and immediately wipe off both sides of the grates with a damp cloth or a good-quality grill brush.

2. Create a mix of mild soap, water, with a few teaspoons of coffee grounds and apply to a warm grill. Make sure the grill is not hot to the touch. Apply the mixture and completely cover the grates. The coffee grounds create a mild abrasive to help remove the crud. Once the grates are cool, wipe them down with a clean rag and water to make sure any soap and coffee ground residues are removed.

3. Make a 50-50 mix of water and white vinegar to attack the more challenging build ups. Scrub with a clean rag or good quality grill brush. Wipe down the grates with water using a clean rag after the grates are cool.

4. For the more stubborn mystery messes, mix baking soda and water to create a paste that you can apply to both sides of the grates. Then scrub with your grill brush.

5. Cut an onion in half and rub the cut side of the onion on warm grill grates. This applies an edible moisture to the grates. Close the lid and allow the onion steam to loosen the mystery mess before wiping the grates with a clean rag or your grill brush.

### Got Rust?

If your grill grates come down with a case of rust, especially if your grill sits out in the weather, soak the grates overnight in a mixture of salt and vinegar (not the potato chip version). Rinse the grates and apply a coat of Ketchup. The Ketchup will prevent more rust. It's a good idea to use Ketchup between each use for grills that sit outside constantly exposed to the weather.

Clean those grill grates and make them unsoiled, fresh, sparkling, and sanitary.

*David*

Any comments? Email me at [David@ChampionCleaners.com](mailto:David@ChampionCleaners.com)



## “Did You Know Where This Saying Came From...”



### FOPDOODLE

A fopdoodle is someone of little significance. So if you're letting someone get on your nerves that really shouldn't have the power, remember that they're just a fopdoodle. Then carry on.

### BEDSWERVER

Shakespeare coined this one to describe an adulterer. BBC America thinks this would make a great band name, and they are totally on the mark. You're at the show, the lights go down, and suddenly through the swirling fog and darkness you hear “Good evening Cincinnati, how ya doing? We...are...Bedswerver!”

### ZOUNDERKITE

This is a Victorian word meaning idiot. This is an appropriate example with a contemporary angle, spoken with some irritation while driving on the highway: “That zounderkite just cut me off!”

### ZOOTERKINS

The website Matador Network says this is “a 17th century variant of ‘zounds’ which was an expression of surprise or indignation.” It's less of an insult and more of something to yell after someone has insulted you...but of course you can follow up with some other great words of your own.

### WHIFFLE-WHAFFLE

This is someone who wastes a lot of time. You could easily make the case that a scobblelotcher is also a whiffle-whaffle, correct? Or would that be a ... whiffle-whaffler?

### SCOBBLELOTCHER

Mental Floss notes this word is “probably derived from ‘scopperloit,’ an old English dialect word for a vacation or a break from work.” A scobberlotcher is someone who avoids hard work like it's their job. The next time you catch someone dozing off at their desk, hit 'em with this one.

### STAMPCRAB

Someone that's clumsy and heavy of foot would be considered a stampcrab. It sounds like a good band name, doesn't it? More of those coming up, so scroll on.

### SNOUTBAND

A snoutband is someone who always interrupts a conversation to correct or contradict the person speaking. Every social group has a snoutband, who thinks they know everything. They probably don't know the meaning of this word, though. At least, not yet.

### GNASHNAB

Gnashnab is an 18th century northern English word, meaning someone who just complains all the time. Contemporary synonyms include nitpicker, moaner and grumbler. It's just as true now as it was back then—no one likes a gnashnab.

### GOBERMOUCH

This is an old Irish term for someone who likes to meddle in other people's business. Everyone knows a busybody, right?

## CHAMPION CLEANERS

VOTED BEST OF ...

Birmingham

Vestavia Hills | Hoover

Mountain Brook | Shelby County



**10% OFF**

**DRY CLEANED GARMENTS  
EXCLUDES LAUNDERED  
SHIRTS AND BLOUSES**

**Minimum 5 Items - Limit 15**

1 coupon per household. Free Pickup & Delivery  
Good for orders received in July  
Offer Expires 07/31/22  
Cannot be combined with any other offer

**15% OFF  
JEANS AND  
SHORTS**

**Minimum 3 - Limit 12**

1 coupon per household. Free Pickup & Delivery  
Good for orders received in July  
Offer Expires 07/31/22  
Cannot be combined with any other offer

**20% OFF  
POLOS/GOLF  
SHIRTS**

**Minimum 3 Items - Limit 10**

1 coupon per household. Free Pickup & Delivery  
Good for orders received in July  
Offer Expires 07/31/22  
Cannot be combined with any other offer

**An Introduction to Our  
Wash Dry & Fold Service**

**FOR \$99**

**We Will Do Your Laundry for 30 Days  
Start Anytime in January  
Sample our WDF Subscription Plans**

1 coupon per household. Free Pickup & Delivery  
Good for orders received in July  
Offer Expires 07/31/22  
Cannot be combined with any other offer

**FREE DRY CLEANING AND  
LAUNDRY PICKUP AND DELIVERY**

**Service Options  
(within our service area)**

- Regular Twice-A-Week Pickup and Delivery
- One Way Service (you drop off and we deliver - or vice versa)
- On Demand - Call us for a pick up and we do the rest

**Call Billy Mims at 205.602.3842**



**Rocky Ridge Cleaning Center**

2548 Rocky Ridge Road Vestavia Hills, AL 35243

205.824.7737

**Greystone**

5363 Highway 280, Hoover, AL 35242

205.408.2797

**Calera Cleaning Center**

4204 Highway 31 Calera, AL 35040

205.668.4727

**Crestline**

42-A Church Street, Mtn. Brook AL 35213

205.871.2962

## Fireworks

The Chinese invented gunpowder, and as a natural extension of this, they also created fireworks. They were initially invented to frighten away evil spirits. Since then, they have been the major manufacturer of fireworks to this day. They are made of explosives contained inside a cardboard tube and are designed to have four components: noise, smoke, light, and floating components (like confetti). Complex fireworks are made up of a number of such tubes to create a greater variety of sparkling and colored shapes and explosions. Fireworks are used throughout the



world to celebrate special events such as state or religious holidays. HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup>!

**WE RECYCLE  
HANGERS**

**Did you know that there is a  
hanger shortage in the USA?  
And did you know that we  
recycle hangers?**

Rather than throw them out to be taken to the land fill, please return your unneeded hangers and we will reuse your hangers. We would appreciate if you would sort them into like kinds to help with this conservation effort.



**WE ARE AN  
OFFICIAL  
CORPORATE  
PARTNER OF  
SAMFORD  
ATHLETICS**



2548 Rocky Ridge Road  
Birmingham, Alabama 35243  
United States



A+



PSRT STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
BIRMINGHAM, AL  
PERMIT #85

## NEWSLETTER JUNE

### Beside the normal stuff, we also clean:

- Wedding Gowns
- Area Rug Cleaning
- Suedes and Leathers
- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots
- Wash Dry & Fold
- Alterations

### And we do...

1. We are a Certified Wedding Gown Specialist
2. We restore textile, electronics, art, and collectibles when by damaged by smoke, fire, water, and mold.
3. Home and office dry cleaning pickup and delivery
4. Wash Dry & Fold service - including Champion Hamper service

**What did King George think of the American colonists? He thought they were revolting!**

**Where did George Washington buy his hatchet? At the chopping mall.**

**What happened as a result of the Stamp Act? The Americans licked the British!**

**What's the difference between a duck and George Washington? One has a bill on his face, and the other has his face on a bill.**

**Why were the first Americans like ants? They lived in colonies.**

**What quacks, has webbed feet, and betrays his country? Beneduck Arnold.**

**What did the fuse say to the firecracker? Lets get together and "pop it like its hot".**

### Time To Do This...

- ✓ Schedule furnace maintenance now and beat the October rush.
- ✓ Make an emergency list for baby-sitters and school kids on vacation
- ✓ Tackle patio and sliding door tracks.
- ✓ Print vacation packing lists for family travel.
- ✓ Check washing machine hoses.
- ✓ Hold a garage sale.
- ✓ Pest patrol: inspect yard and garden for carpenter ants or termites.
- ✓ Control garbage can odor with a can clean-out.
- ✓ Make a safety inspection of children's outdoor play equipment.