

Rub-A-Dub-

It might look clean, and heck, you're going to paint over it anyway, so who's going to know? And by the time they do, you'll be on your next job.

Er... well... this being a piece about cleaning, we're not going to say skip it. "Most interior surfaces require a general cleaning to remove dirt, dust and oils that have been deposited on the surface over years of use," says Jason Roussel, director of marketing for Supreme Chemicals

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of Georgia, makers of the Krud-

Kutter line of cleaners. "Even the most effective 'no prep' primers can't effectively adhere to oily kitchen cabinets or wall," he reminds us.

When you think about it, people are touchy. They're always putting hands on walls, knobs, toilet seats... That's why you're not supposed to touch old historical artifacts. Your body oil can ruin it. That same oil can ruin your more modern paint job.

Besides that, adds Jason, you might not know you have a

problem until you've already painted. "Some contaminants can be very hard to identify and will only reveal themselves with adhesion problems," he says. "So it's always a good idea to prep interior walls prior to painting."

Roussel is quick to recommend Original Krud Kutter as a good all-purpose cleaner for pre-priming prep. "It's an excellent cleaner/degreaser that will tackle even the toughest soils or stains that might negatively affect adhesion," he says. "It's also an excellent product for removing smoke residue and soot building from fire damage. It also quickly dissolves tar deposits on walls left behind from years of smoking."

If you're into metal, heavy or otherwise, Jason holds up a bottle of Metal Clean & Etch. Come on, Jason, give us that big '50s smile! Therrrrre ya go!

"It is most commonly used for dissolving the corrosion inhibitor/passivator additive on new galvanized, eliminating the need for sand-blasting prior to painting," he says. "It also removes rust, oil, grease, dirt and other contaminants."

A wide variety of cleaning products like this from KrudKutter...

...and this from Jig-A-Clean for cleaning your hands...

...can help get a contractor out of many messy situations.

A product like this makes a great 'leave behind' for customers...



Dub Clean your walls, your project, and yourself.

Passivate is defined in “The Free Dictionary” as: to render (a metal) less susceptible to corrosion by coating the surface with a substance, such as an oxide.

What Do I Do With the Gunk?

Clean up enough stuff, and eventually you’re going to have to throw something away. Somehow, in this plastic-bag-obsessed society (no I don’t need a bag, it’s already in a bag!), the last thing some folks want to is put yet another trash liner into the waste stream. Okay, so is anyone else old enough to remember the days before trash can liners? You put your trash in a can, and the trash man collected it. That was about it.

You can, however show your customers that you care by getting some Green trash bags from companies such as Jig-a-Loo, based in Statesville, NC.

“EconoGreen Plastics™ were designed to help consumers reduce environmental waste,” says company sales coordinator Ashley Yaussi. “They are made from 100% recycled materials and are 100% oxo-degradable, allowing

them to break down within two years after use.”

Oxo-degradation, she explains, involves putting an additive into the formula that helps accelerate the decomposition of the plastic. “It allows naturally occurring elements to break down the plastic into simple organic compounds, and in the end, leave behind no residue or harmful toxins that can damage the environment.”

We’ve all got to make a small difference somehow.

The Jig Isn’t Up Yet

So, after you pick up all your trash and put them in your green bags, your hands are gonna reek a bit, hey? From this same company comes Jig-A-Clean, a light foam hand cleaner noted for practicality and ease of use. (Please note, says Ashley, this does not remove paint, and it’s not anti-bacterial.) Spray a small amount of light foam in your hand and scrub. “By rubbing the foam into your hands, dirt, grease, and oils are collected into small flakes that drop away, leaving no residue behind,” says Yaussi.

Finally, time to go home. Don’t touch the car door. **TPC**

...while this one will help with some specialty cleaning needs,

Many cleaning products are available in a variety of sizes...

... or a whole line for all your cleaning and cleanup needs.

