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How to make swiffer wetjet work

The Swiffer Wet Jet has a reservoir that is meant to be disposed of and replaced with a fresh one every time it runs out. Stop wasting money on expensive refills and hack the cap—no special tools required.Earlier this year we showed you how to hack your Wet Jet with a power drill, a glue gun, and a nut and bolt. If you're short all those tools you can hack the Wet Jet reservoir with nothing more than hot water and a pair of nail clippers.Instructables user cpd trigger put together a simple tutorial showing how you can hack the Wet Jet without actually having to hack it apart. The cap on the reservoir is self-locking but ultimately it's just plain old PET plastic. Dunk the cap in hot water to soften the plastic, twist it off, and then clip off the little locking tabs with a pair of nail clippers. Your previously locked Wet Jet reservoir is now a plain old refillable bottle you can refill with the cleaning solution of your choice. Check out the full guide at the link below for step by step instructions with photos and helpful tips in the comments section.**How-To Remove The Cap on a Swiffer Wet Jet** [Instructables] © 1996-2014, Amazon.com, Inc. or its affiliates We independently select these products—if you buy from one of our links, we may earn a commission.**Have a dense dust population in a hard-to-reach area? Sounds like a job for a Swiffer Sweeper.** This small space-friendly floor tool—plus its sister-cleaners, Swiffer Dusters and Swiffer WetJet—has made itself indispensable for sweeping in tight quarters, making it one of the most cost-effective, versatile tools in your home. But it's not great at everything. Want to get the most out of your Swiffer tools? Here are a few things not to do. The Swiffer Sweeper pads will do a better job picking up dirt on floors when the larger dust bunnies are out of the way, so a quick pick-up or vacuum job beforehand could help your duster pack a mightier punch. You can get extra cleaning mileage by using your Swiffer pad to wipe off less-dirty areas, like a tabletop or shelf, with the clean pad before starting on the floors. While a Swiffer is a great tool for everyday cleaning (especially if you vacuum first), don't use it if there's a lot of dirt or other debris on your floors. These bigger messes might be a better job for the Swiffer WetJet, or a regular mop or vacuum. While generic pad options may seem more cost-effective upfront, many generic, non-Swiffer brands aren't as effective as the real lab-tested deal, which means you won't get as much use out of them and may spend more money in the long run. Used Swiffer Sweeper pads and Swiffer Dusters may be effective longer than you think. They may look super dirty, but due to the electrostatic charge, you don't have to worry about making a bigger mess as you dust. Also, you can try removing the bigger dust bunnies from the Swiffer before you continue cleaning so you get more use out of them. About to dust, but no Swiffer pad in sight? A fuzzy sock will do the trick, picking up dust, dirt, and hair from your floors. No socks of the fuzzy caliber? In a pinch, a hardy paper towel, old washcloth, or microfiber cloth could also work. To save a little money and keep things green, think twice before tossing your dirty Swiffer dusters. They can be washed and reused with a quick rinse under the faucet. Ashley AbramsonContributorAshley Abramson is a writer-mom hybrid in Minneapolis, MN. Her work, mostly focused on health, psychology, and parenting, has been featured in the Washington Post, New York Times, Allure, and more. She lives in the Minneapolis suburbs with her husband and two young sons. If you own a Swiffer WetJet Spray Mop, chances are you absolutely love it. But let me guess: You're not wild about how expensive it is to buy the refills — the cleaning solution and disposable cleaning pads. Read on for everything you need to know about Swiffer WetJet refills! Even more annoying, to the WetJet manufacturer, "refill" means throwing out the empty dispenser bottle entirely and having to purchase the refill liquid in a new bottle. And just try to pry the lid off an empty bottle to refill it yourself. That thing is impossible to get off without destroying it, and yes, I speak from experience. And those refill bottles can be as much as \$7.50 each. And the disposable pads? At least 50 cents each — and that's on a good (sale) day. Well, you can forget all that bad news because I've learned how to get that bottle open, making it totally reusable (and ensuring it won't leak), and I've learned how to save money making my own Swiffer solution and reusable cleaning pads, too. **HOW TO OPEN THE SWIFFER WETJET BOTTLE** First, let's get that empty WetJet solution bottle open in order to refill and recycle it. Set a pan of water on the stove, and bring it to a boil. Leave the pan on the stove, but turn off the burner. Carefully hold your empty Swiffer WetJet bottle upside down, and dunk it into the water until the whole cap and just a little bit of the bottle are submerged. Hold it there for up to 90 seconds. Using a hot pad holder, grip and twist the lid, and it will come right off. The hot water softens the tiny plastic nubs that hold that lid on for dear life, just enough to let you twist it off without damage. (Don't try to cut those nubs off to make it easier next time; that will make it leak like a sieve!) Using a funnel, pour your homemade refill solution (below) into the bottle, and reapply the lid. You're good to go. **WOOD AND LAMINATE REFILL SOLUTION** 1 part alcohol (isopropyl, denatured, plain vodka, gin) 4 parts distilled water Few drops Blue Dawn Examples: 1/4 cup alcohol, 1 cup distilled water, 2 drops Blue Dawn OR 1 cup alcohol, 4 cups distilled water, 8 drops Blue Dawn. See how that works? Pour all ingredients into a bucket or other container. Mix thoroughly, and using a funnel, pour the mixture into the recycled Swiffer WetJet container. Alcohol, a common disinfectant, is a fantastic cleaning product. Try rubbing alcohol (either 70% or 91% will work), denatured alcohol, gin or plain vodka. The great thing about alcohol as a cleaning agent is that, like water, it has a nearly neutral pH — neither acidic nor alkaline. And it helps to dry the floor quickly. This makes it the perfect ingredient in your homemade cleaner to not only clean but also protect and preserve beautifully finished wood and laminate floors. **TILE AND VINYL REFILL SOLUTION** 4 cups hot water 1 cup lemon juice 3 cups white vinegar 1 teaspoon Blue Dawn dishwashing liquid Pour all ingredients into a bucket or other large container. Mix thoroughly, and using a funnel, pour the mixture into the recycled Swiffer WetJet container. **SWIFFER WETJET PADS** You can easily make your own reusable WetJet pads. Just cut a microfiber cloth or bath towel into rectangles. Use the Swiffer mop head as a guide to gauge the correct size. Give it about 1 1/2 inches of overlap on the long sides so you can tuck the ends of the cloth into the Swiffer mop cloth holder. Another idea is to use a fuzzy sock. Stretch it over the mop head as if it were a big foot. Works like a charm. After using the cloth (or sock), just throw it in the washing machine with your other cleaning rags. Mary invites questions, comments and tips at EverydayCheapskate.com, "Ask Mary a Question," or c/o Everyday Cheapskate, 12340 Seal Beach Blvd., Suite B-416, Seal Beach, CA 90740. Home » DIY » Finally! How to Refill a Swiffer Wet Jet Bottle. You have a Swiffer Wet jet. The bottle of cleaning solution it came with is now empty and you want to fill it with your own cleaning solution. You go to unscrew the cap to refill it and realize ... it doesn't come off. Yup. Those Swiffer people are sneaky. Here's how you can be sneakier. I have nothing against beer, I just don't want to wash my floor with it. And for some reason every time I used my Swiffer Wet jet on my floor (no this isn't a sponsored post) I could smell beer wafting up from my checkerboard kitchen tiles. Not such a bad thing but in a kitchen it meant I was constantly craving beer battered fish and chips. At first I thought my beer loving mother Betty was sneaking in during the night to have one of her famous keygers, but as it turned out it was just the smell of the Swiffer Wet jet cleaning solution. I love my Wet jet for doing quick cleanings of my floor but I'd been meaning to figure out a way to refill the container because a) I didn't like the smell and b) my VCT tile floor needs a very specific type of cleaner to keep it looking good. Also it angers me to no end that they purposely package the solution in a bottle that isn't refillable so you constantly have to buy new plastic bottles of cleaning solution. My VCT tile floor needs a neutral PH floor cleaner and I need a lemony smelling floor cleaner. It just gives a cleaner scent than the Swiffer cleaner which smells like Oktoberfest farts. My first thought was to try to pry the cap off of the bottle and refill it that way but they're done a really good job of making that impossible without breaking something. Either your hand or the bottle. So I gave up. It wasn't that important and I had other more important things to do like take care of my compulsion to cook bratwurst. Then about a month ago it hit me that I was going about it backwards. I didn't need to pry off Swiffer's opening, I needed to make a new one. And if you're wanting to make your Swiffer Wet jet container reusable it's all you have to do too. Do Your Own Swiffer Wet Jet Refills Grab a cork and a big drill bit. 2. Drill a hole in the top of the Swiffer container. It's easiest to do this with the bottle still in the Swiffer because it holds it still. 3. Little bits will have fallen into the container. Remove the Swiffer container and shake it until all the plastic bits fall out. If you use a cleaner that needs to be mixed with water, write on the bottle how much cleaner you need to add to the filled container. For me it's 4 teaspoons of cleaner to 1.4 litres of water (the amount the Swiffer container holds) 4. Fill the container with your cleaner and water. You might find it helpful to use a funnel. You might not. The GREATEST thing about this whole refilling tip is that when you mix your cleaner you can use HOT water to clean your floor. 5. Plug the hole with your cork or stopper. 5. Done! Cork or another type of plug Find a cork or plastic plug that you can use as a stopper in a hole.Drill a hole into the top of the Swiffer bottle that's the size of your plug.Remove the bits of plastic that fall into the container after drilling.Fill the Swiffer Wet jet container with your favourite floor cleaner.Plug the hole with your cork or stopper.Done! You now have a refillable Swiffer Wet Jet. The size of hole you drill doesn't matter, it just needs to be big enough to pour cleaning solution and water into and you need to have a cork that will fit into it tightly.If your cork doesn't fit tightly you can make it bigger by soaking it in hot water. An hour might be long enough, or 12 hours depending on how much bigger you need the cork to be. If your cork is too big, you can shave it down with a knife. Here's another Swiffer tip If you don't know it already, instead of buying their disposable cleaning pad, use a microfibre cloth. It will velcro right on the bottom just like the original Swiffer pad but it does a better job of cleaning and you can just toss them in the washing machine to reuse over and over. ALSO I'm terribly worried you don't know that you can make your own diy foaming hand soap. You can. Here's how to do it. I mean if you're the kind of person who's into refilling your Swiffer bottles, chances are you're gonna want to know how to make your own fluffy, foamy soap. By creating your own refillable bottle you're saving the environment, money and your nose from those Oktoberfest beer smells which you've replaced with the sunshiny scent of lemons. Now if you'll excuse me I have a really strong urge to make a lemon curd. --Follow me on Instagram where I often make a fool of myself-- We purchased the Swiffer WetJet Floor Spray Mop so our reviewer could put test it on her sealed hardwood floors. Keep reading for our full product review. There's no denying the appeal of the Swiffer WetJet. This compact, lightweight mop replacement promises to help you clean hard floors faster and with less effort—no dragging around a bucket of soap or wringing out gross mop heads. With the simple press of a button, you can spray solution onto your floors, scrub them down, and be done with it. Seems too good to be true, right? To see if the Swiffer WetJet Floor Spray Mop is really the game-changer it appears to be, I put it to the test over the course of several days, using it on a variety of hard floors to determine its strengths and weaknesses—here's what I found. The Spruce / Camryn Rabideau When you first see the box for the Swiffer WetJet, you might question whether there's actually a mop in there—it really is compact! Rest assured the product and its accessories are all inside, but you do have to assemble the flat mop itself. To get my WetJet ready for duty, I needed to connect the various parts of the handle, which clicked into place easily. Next, I had to remove the battery compartment and insert the four AA batteries that come with the mop. From there, it's just a matter of loading the included cleaning solution (simply pop into place) and sticking on one of the cleaning pads (it comes with two regular mopping pads, and three "Extra Power" pads). The floors in my apartment hadn't been mopped, well, ever, so it's safe to say they were a good place to test the Swiffer WetJet. The main living area has sealed hardwood throughout, and there were more than a few splotches and stains, many of which were from salty slush that got tracked in during the winter, marring the pretty finish. I was impressed at how well the Swiffer WetJet managed to trap dirt and scrub off those old stains, even just using the standard cleaning pad. I was impressed at how well the Swiffer WetJet managed to trap dirt and scrub off those old stains, even just using the standard cleaning pad. Some of the tougher marks required a bit of pressure on the handle, but within a few strokes, the splotches were history. Plus, after giving the main area a once-over with the mop, I was shocked at how dirty the cleaning pad was—it turns out I need to mop more often. I also used it with one of the "Extra Power" pads to clean the laminate floors in my bathroom. I didn't expect the different pad to make a big difference, but it did a good job scrubbing off stains without too much effort—always a plus! Want to make your tile or laminate floors really shine? Check out our top picks for the best tile floor cleaners. The Spruce / Camryn Rabideau The Swiffer WetJet was definitely designed with ease-of-use in mind. Everything from attaching the cleaning pads to spraying the solution is straightforward. It takes no effort to maneuver the mop around obstacles, and if at any point you want more solution, just press and hold the button on the handle to activate the spray. The mop head has a hook-and-loop fastener-like finish that grabs onto the cleaning pads, so it's simple to attach and remove them. I particularly liked the curved handle of the WetJet, as it makes it more comfortable to hold and steer around the floor—no awkwardly turning your arms to get into corners. It's a small detail, but one that's often overlooked with other mops. I particularly liked the curved handle of the WetJet, as it makes it more comfortable to hold and steer around the floor. My only complaint is the materials that make up the WetJet feel somewhat flimsy in places. In particular, when I was loading the batteries, I noticed that the compartment is made of thin plastic—one wrong move and you could easily break it. Because this is a "starter kit," it comes with a variety of supplies, including the aforementioned 500ml bottle of cleaning solution and pads (two regular and three "Extra Power"). At first, I didn't realize that the cleaning solution was just a "trial" version—full-size jars are 1.25 liters, more than double the size of the container I got. That said, I put a significant dent in the cleaning solution that was included, so you'll probably find yourself needing more within a few uses. What's nice is that there is actually a variety of cleaning solutions to choose from, including a special option for hardwood floors and several fresh scents. It's usually around \$10 for two refills, which should last you significantly longer than the trial jar. Want to take a look at some other options? See our guide to the best floor cleaners. The great thing about the Swiffer WetJet is that it's incredibly quick and easy to put away once you finish cleaning. Simply pull off the dirty pad—unfortunately, you do have to touch it, but I didn't find it to be that bad—and throw it away. The cleaning solution can be stored right on the mop, so all that's left to do is put the WetJet back into storage. Easy, right? My only complaint is the materials that make up the WetJet feel somewhat flimsy in places. Considering the inexpensive material of the WetJet and limited supplies in this kit, a price of around \$20 seems pretty fair. If it were any more expensive, I would expect more cleaning pads and solution, but I'd definitely be willing to spend the \$20 for this starter kit, and I don't think you'll regret the purchase. The Spruce / Camryn Rabideau Swiffer Sweeper Wet: I've had a Swiffer Sweeper for as long as I can remember, and while its dry pads are unbeatable for picking up dust and hair, the wet pads leave something to be desired. They frequently run out of cleaning solution long before you finish mopping, and sometimes they even dry out in the pack. When comparing these two Swiffer products side-by-side, the WetJet is miles ahead of the Sweeper in terms of mopping performance. With the WetJet, you can apply as much or as little solution as you need, and it's quicker and easier to attach and remove the cleaning pads. O-Cedar EasyWring Spin Mop & Bucket System: The O-Cedar Microfiber Spin Mop is another popular product I tested that more closely resembles a traditional mop and bucket. While the design is unique and effective, the product itself isn't top-quality and will likely break with frequent use. Plus, it takes longer to clean up after using, making the Swiffer WetJet the winner once again when it comes to convenience. Interested in reading more reviews? Take a look at our selection of the best flat mops. Final Verdict Great for most people! The Swiffer WetJet Floor Spray Mop doesn't have too many negatives to speak of—it's affordable, easy to use, convenient, and effective on most floors. Yes, you'll have to stock up on Swiffer-brand cleaning pads and formula, but overall, this product is a great cleaning solution for anyone who's sick of old-fashioned mops and buckets.

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