

# How to Clean your Weber Kettle

You cook a lot, right? With all that cooking comes some cleaning too, and keeping your grill clean and tidy will help you make even more flavorful food. Plus, all the cleaning helps prevent flare ups and the occasional fire too. Our tips and tricks below are designed to give you an overview of the cleaning steps and a few examples of our favorite cleaning tools

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## *Cleaning Tips:*

1. When to clean your grill
  - a. I DEEP clean mine every **3-5 cooks**, more often if I'm cooking higher fat foods
2. Steps to clean your Weber Kettle
  - a. Make sure kettle is cool and there are no embers remaining. Keep the lower damper open to allow ash to drop into the ash catcher.
  - b. Remove the lid of the kettle and using a grill brush clean the grill grates top side and bottom side
  - c. Remove the grates and set aside
  - d. Remove the Char-baskets and dump any charcoal or ash
  - e. Remove any unburned charcoal and clean out until the bottom of the kettle is fully exposed
  - f. Asses the amount of soot or particulate on the inside of the kettle
    - i. Lightly scrape with the paint tool or light brush
      1. Do NOT clean to a brand new look, leave it well seasoned and focus on removing any buildup or large particles (bbq crumbs)
    - ii. Use the paint tool to get around the edges of the grill and into the ledges.  
Caution: don't scrape too hard or it will remove paint
    - iii. Push all crumbs into the bottom of the kettle and into the ash catcher
    - iv. Using a rag or bunched up shop towels, wipe the inside of the kettle down and push all debris into the ash catcher
  - g. Using the Vacuum clean out ALL of the ash and crumbs inside the grill – if needed or desired
  - h. Remove the ash catcher carefully and asses any cleaning needs, set aside
  - i. INSPECT ALL KETTLE PARTS FOR ANY CRACKS OR DAMAGE PRIOR TO PUTTING THE GRILL BACK TOGETHER
  - j. INSPECT ALL KETTLE NUTS, BOLTS, ETC FOR ANY ADJUSTMENT NEEDS
  - k. INSPECT THE LOWER AND UPPER DAMPERS FOR ANY CLEANING NEEDS

