

Remove Wallpaper

Checklist:

- Scoring tool or utility knife
- Chemical wallpaper remover
- Electric steamer
- Taping knife
- Protective goggles
- Rubber gloves
- Heavy-duty detergent
- Large sponge

One: Score the wallpaper.

- Use a utility knife to make cuts in the wallpaper in a crisscross pattern.
 - This is done so that the chemical agent or steam can get through the paper to the glue.

Two: Soften the paste.

A: Use chemical wallpaper remover

- This is best applied with a garden sprayer, but a sponge can be used.
- It usually needs to be mixed with water, following manufacturer's directions.
- Apply the chemical until the paper is saturated.
- Wait a few minutes to allow the chemical to soften the paste.



Always wear protective goggles and rubber gloves when working with chemicals.

B: Use an electric steamer.

- You can rent an electric steamer from most True Value stores.
- Fill the steamer's tank with water and heat it electrically.
- Once the hand held plate starts pumping steam, hold it against the paper until the paste softens.



The steamer gets to be very hot, so hold it away from your body. Always wear gloves and goggles.

Three: Scrape off the wallpaper.

- If using chemicals, saturate the entire wall before scraping.
- If using steam, steam only a small portion before scraping.
- Use a taping knife to wall scraper to scrape the paper once the glue is loosened by the chemicals or steam.
 - The surface may be soft, so be cautious as to not gouge it with the scraper.

Four: Remove the old adhesive.

- Use a detergent such as trisodium phosphate and a sponge to remove excess adhesive from the walls.

- You can use a nonphosphate equivalent as well.
- ❑ Rinse the walls using a clean sponge.
- ❑ Don't wallpaper or paint the walls until they're completely dry.

Five: Remove peelable or strippable wallpaper.

- ❑ Some wallpapers are peelable or strippable and don't require chemicals or steam to be removed.
- ❑ Use a utility knife to pry up a corner and pull the strip off the wall.
- ❑ When all the strips have been removed, use warm water and a sponge to soften the adhesive and scrape it away with a wide scraping knife or wall scraper.