

A vendor's tip for cleaning chains....

The market where I sell was burned severely about three weeks ago. Fortunately, my only damage is from smoke. Obviously, sales are lacking because the market is closed for re-building. I found that by putting the chain in the dish washer, I got the best "possible" clean job. I could not have done by hand what the machine did. Anyway, I just wanted you to know about conditions here.

I asked John a couple of follow up questions:

Did you remove the chain from the spools? If yes, how did you keep the chain from tangling with the dishwasher's moving parts? Did you use dishwashing detergent, or just water (hot or cold)? Did the dishwasher dry the chains completely, or did you hang and air dry them as well?

The rolls were removed from the rods and placed at the outer edges of the top and bottom racks. I did use Cascade in a half measure; in other words just one bowl was filled. The washer did dry the spools and chain properly with just a drop or so from the larger rolls. Thus the chain and spools were cleaned at the same time and they are "brand new" looking. The rods did not fit the machine so they were easily cleaned by hand in the kitchen sink with Dawn detergent. The mirror racks were cleaned the usual way with Windex (or some company brand) and they are satisfactory too. Hope this will help others.

I did notice that a few of the (older) rolls of chain also brightened up some with this procedure. Spreading this information will be good for others who may suffer such a loss. Sure hope no one else has to go through this though.

I want to thank John for passing this information on.

One comment: Windex or any abrasive or ammonia based cleaner can damage our mirrored acrylic displays. We recommend an acrylic cleaner like [Brillianize](#). Windex is ok on the black risers (DC02) and view enhancers (DC04).

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