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## Odor Eliminators

Re-nest (a.k.a. Apartment Therapy: Green) had a post on an all natural odor eliminating product last week called **MultiFresh** and it sparked me thinking about other eco options. I normally don't like air fresheners and instead I prefer to try opening the windows, cleaning or lighting a candle to banish stuffy smells. Sadly, that doesn't work for things like gym bags or closets, or the fridge.



One product I have tried for my gym bag that I've found to work well is **Fresh Wave's Pearl Sachets**. They are packets of recyclable plastic pearls that are soaked or infused with natural oils and also absorb any lingering smells. I haven't tried their other products, but would recommend trying the pearl packs.

The last thing I've also found to work is plain old charcoal briquets (the kind you use in the grill). The previous owner of my car, was a smoker, which meant the car had definite stink. So, based on a family member's recommendation, I used four pieces of charcoal in my car. It was a definite DIY project, I took a couple of old worn out dishcloths and sewed the charcoal inside. It took a little while, but after a couple of months the smoke smell was out of my car.

**Have you tried any products or DIY remedies to get rid of odors in your home or car?**

(images from **MultiFresh** and **FreshWave**)

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