

## Does your new burlap **smell**?

I try to air out all of the burlap I sell but sometimes there's simply no time! First, don't worry... I've been assured that there is no health hazard from the smell. I do not use treated burlap. It is 100% natural and biodegradable.

Here are a few steps that I follow:

1. Air the burlap out in the sun. That may be all it needs. (This is the method I use. I just keep the material in front of a sunny window upstairs. It seems to take out 95% of the smell.)  
If that's not enough move to step 2.
2. Shake some baking soda on it and let it sit overnight. Shake out. If that doesn't do the trick, move to step 3.
3. Wash it following these directions:  
Hand wash in a sink or tub full of tepid water (I add a small amount of Dreft detergent and vinegar). Swish it around and let it soak for an hour. Do not wring it out, the burlap will stretch and misshape. I let it drip dry in the tub and then move it to lay flat to dry; outside or in a sunny window is best.  
If that doesn't work move to step 4.
4. Try soaking in a solution of water and Nature's Miracle, a product used to remove pet stains and smell. (I've never tried this myself but I hear it works...)

See more at: <http://heartvintagedesign.blogspot.com/2013/03/how-to-remove-smell-from-burlap.html#sthash.cHqJotE5.dpuf>

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