

Health Tip: 3 Trends That Hurt Your Teeth



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A number of [health trends](#) this year have people drinking new beverages. It's fun to test out this new [health advice](#), like sipping apple cider vinegar or putting collagen in your coffee. You might not realize that some of these can be detrimental to your dental health after you dive into new food or drink trends in the hopes of becoming healthier. Nothing is more painful than an open cavity when you need to wait for an emergency appointment at the dentist because your enamel has been stripped away.

Health tip: Not all health trends are good for your teeth. What are some ways we can protect them?

Everything we eat or drink has to pass through our mouths. With all the new health trends that include acidic drinks and foods to help burn off calories and become a healthier you, you might be damaging your teeth. Cupid has some [health tips](#) to protect your teeth and gums if you want to try any of these trends:

1. Adopt a healthy diet instead of a juice cleanse: Being on a healthy diet has been known to be a better healthy option versus going on a juice cleanse. It turns out that not only are juice cleanses not the best option for getting healthy, but they aren't great for your teeth either. Dentists report seeing increases in decay because the juice can sit between the teeth, wearing away at your gums and teeth. If you still want to give this health trend a try, drink through a straw and definitely use mouthwash and floss regularly.

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2. Mix your apple cider vinegar with water: Naturalists claim drinking apple cider vinegar can cure your body of many ailments. These claims include skin with a healthier glow, weight loss, and lowered blood pressure. The process in which apple cider vinegar is made creates a mix of probiotic and helpful bacteria and enzymes, but this also means it is very acidic. Straight apple cider vinegar can damage the enamel on your teeth, leaving them vulnerable to cavities. Instead, it's much better for your teeth if you mix the vinegar with water. Common dosages are one to two tablespoons or teaspoons mixed in a large glass of water, depending on how well you stomach the taste of apple cider vinegar. Be sure to brush your teeth after your dose of apple cider vinegar.

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3. Decrease your charcoal toothpaste usage: Charcoal toothpaste promises a whiter, brighter smile. You may not realize that charcoal toothpaste can actually yellow your teeth over time and may contain abrasive ingredients. The abrasive ingredients are used to remove stains, but charcoal toothpaste doesn't contain enough fluoride to fight tooth decay because it can wear down your enamel to reveal dentin, a softer tissue that looks yellow in appearance. If you decide you still want to use charcoal toothpaste, it's recommended not to use it as your everyday toothpaste, but instead once every other week. Do not brush too hard or too long.

Health trends are not always the best ways to make your body healthier, in fact, some can cause damage to your dental health that can be hard to fix. Let us know your thoughts about these health trends below.