Fix Your . . .
Problem Nails

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WHAT WENT WRONG
■ Habits: Your gnawing or clumsy nail trimming led to ingrown nails or hangnails.
■ Age: They got thin, brittle, or ridged with age and have begun to splinter or turn yellow.
■ Condition: Bacterial or fungal infections made them unsightly. Psoriasis, eczema, allergic reactions, and cancers also can affect your nail health.

WHAT TO DO
■ Get Checked: Your nails, which are made of a protein called keratin, are prone to a number of ailments. Visit a dermatologist or a podiatrist if you see discoloration, separation from the nail bed, indentations, or opaqueness.
■ Treat: For a hangnail, use an antiseptic to avoid infection, and try oral medications to wipe out fungus.
■ Supplement: Taking 2.5 milligrams of biotin, or vitamin B7, daily may treat brittle nails and increase thickness. Green peas, oats, soybeans, walnuts, sunflower seeds, and brown rice are all good sources of biotin.
■ Maintain: Keep nails short and filed square with rounded edges. Gentle buffing increases circulation to the nail bed. After showering, rub oil into nails to seal in moisture. Dry thoroughly and top with an alpha-hydroxy-acid lotion.
■ Try: Products with urea, phospholipids, or lactic acid will help prevent cracking. Avoid polish or removers that contain acetone, formaldehyde, or toluene sulfonamide, which can irritate or dry out nails.
■ Protect: When housecleaning, wear protective rubber gloves. Don’t use your nails to pick or pry things. Biting will damage the nail bed, and even a minor cut can cause an infection. A thin coat of polish once a week will keep moisture in the nail.
■ At Night: Rough cuticles will heal overnight with petroleum jelly, vitamin E, or cuticle creams, and massaging your nails will prevent cracking and peeling. Wear cotton gloves while you sleep to seal in moisture.

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS
■ Be Patient: “As with any disease of the nail, fixing the problem will not result in any instant change,” dermatologist Dr. Kenneth Beer tells Newsmax. “It can take six to nine months for a fingernail to grow out and about a year for a toenail to grow.”

SOURCES: NewsmaxHealth.com; Mayo Clinic; WebMD; Good Housekeeping

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