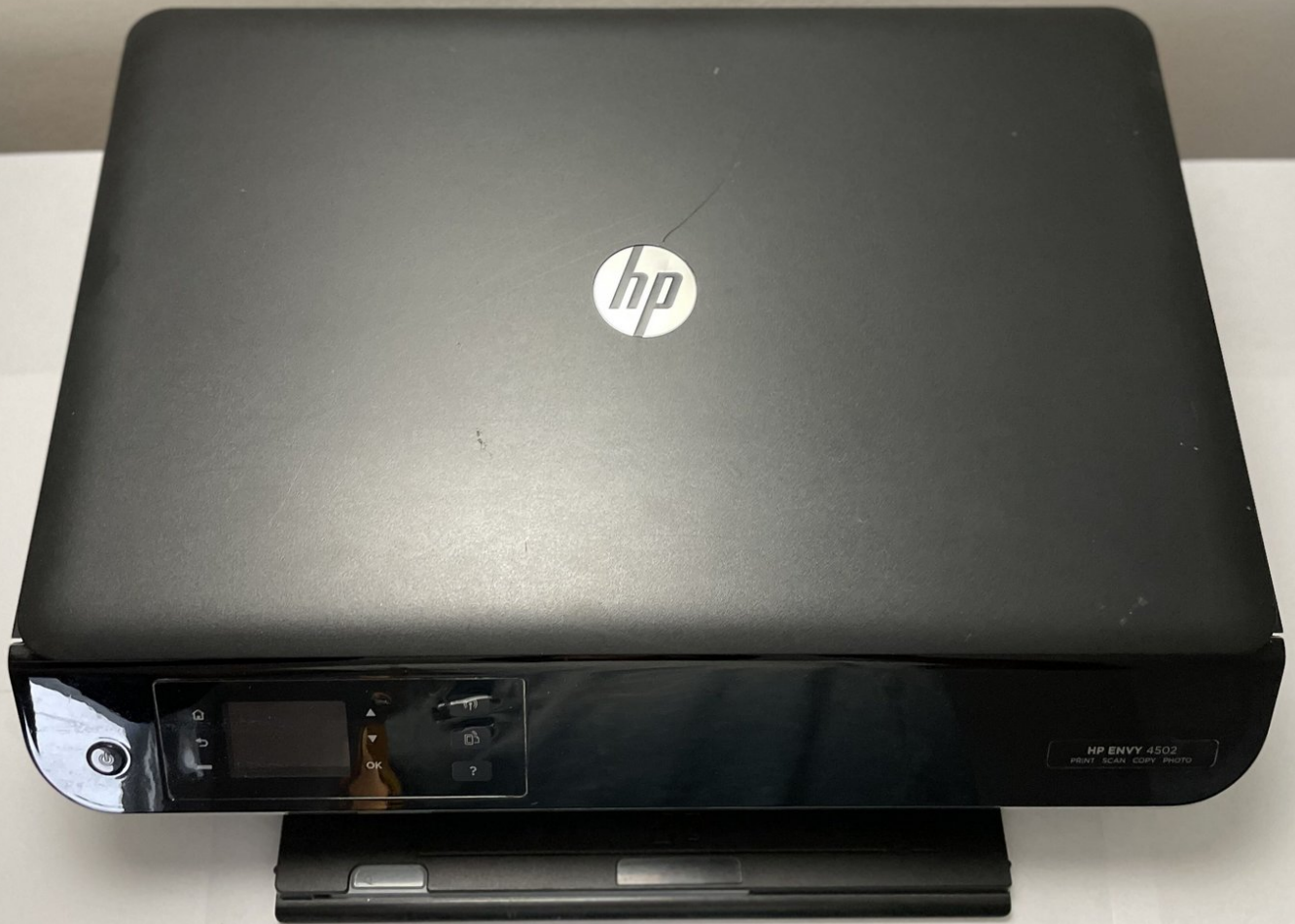




How to Fix a Dry Printer Cartridge

In this guide, you will get easy steps to fix your dried ink cartridge with a few materials found in your home.

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INTRODUCTION

Not using a printer for a long period of time can cause the ink inside it to dry. When we can't use the dried ink cartridge, most of us get rid of it and buy a new cartridge, which contributes to the increasing e-waste. Instead of discarding a dry cartridge, this guide will help you to fix it in a few easy steps with a couple of things needed which can be found right in your house.



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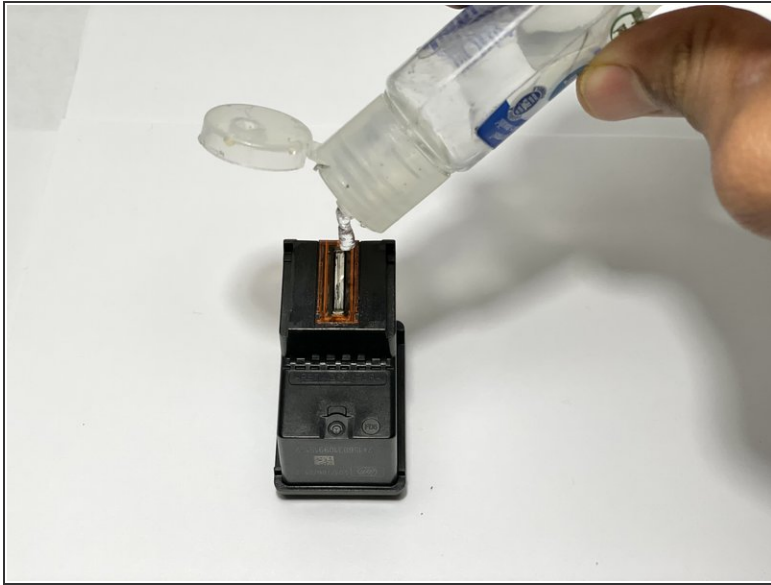
- [500mL Hand Sanitizer](#) (1)
 - [Warm water](#) (1)
 - [Soft Cloth](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Removing the Cartridge



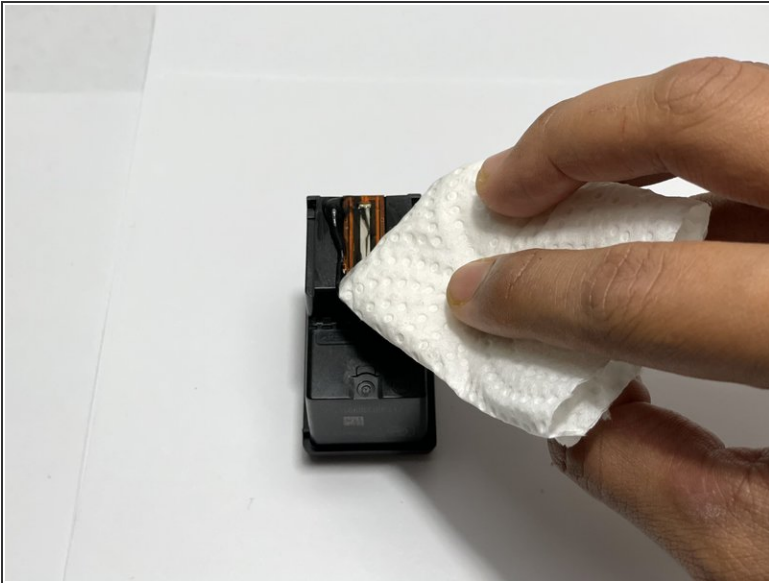
- Open the top case of your printer.
- Carefully remove the dried cartridge by lifting the flap in the bottom right section of the printer.

Step 2 — Applying Hand Sanitizer



- Place the cartridge on a clean surface and apply a few drops of alcohol-based hand sanitizer to the ink nozzle.
 - ⓘ It's best to use an unscented hand sanitizer, as some scents or colors in the hand sanitizer may affect your ink cartridge's performance.
- Gently rub your finger on the ink nozzle once or twice.
- Let the sanitizer seep in for a few minutes.
- While you wait, fill a bowl halfway with warm tap water.

Step 3 — Wipe it out



- Wipe out the ink nozzle where you applied the sanitizer with a clean cloth or paper towel.

Step 4 — Warm Water Bath



- Place the nozzle side of the cartridge into a bowl filled with warm water.

⚠ Do not completely submerge the cartridge inside the water, just half of it.

- Wait for 5-10 mins or until you see ink leaking out into the water.
- Once you see ink leaking out, remove the cartridge from the water carefully.
- ⓘ It may be a good idea to keep a bit of paper towel or a rag handy to catch any drips from the ink cart.

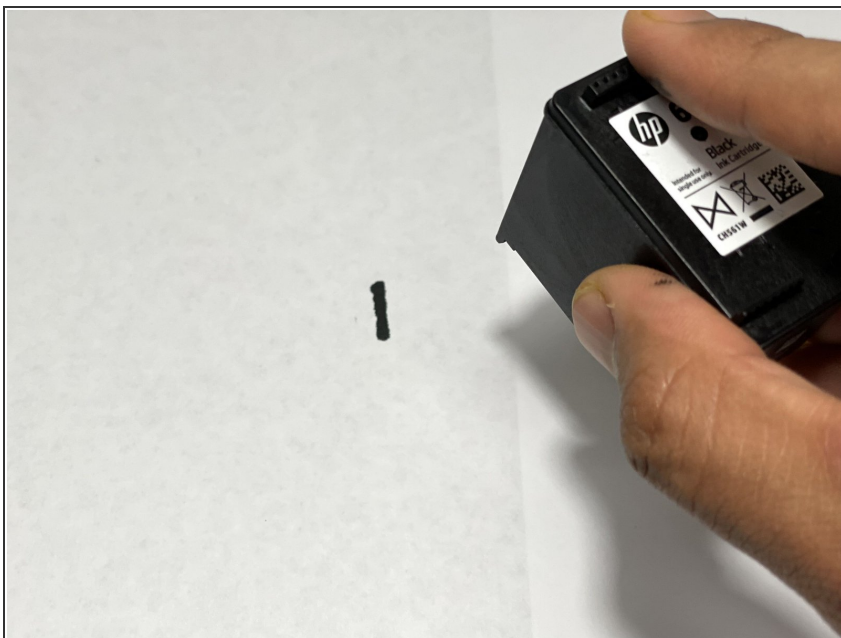
Step 5 — Dry it Completely



- After removing it from the water, completely clean the cartridge with a soft cloth or a paper towel and dry it out.

⚠ DO NOT put a wet cartridge inside the printer, else it can damage it.

Step 6 — Double Check



- To make sure the cartridge is fully working now, take a piece of paper and rub the ink nozzle over it.
- ① When you see an ink line on the paper, that means you are good to go.

Step 7 — Fixing it Back



- Once the body of the cartridge has completely dried, place it back into the slot in the printer.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.