

The Top 7 Health Benefits Of Oil Pulling

Some months ago, I met a lady at our local market who was selling organic coconut oil and proceeded to tell me that she used it for her poor gum health. She claimed that she had never needed to return to the dentist again. The practice is called oil pulling done daily. Simple, easy and clean, the benefits of oil pulling are extensive, making it one of nature's most efficient ways to detox the body.

What Is Oil Pulling?

An ancient Ayurvedic ritual dating back over 3,000 years, oil pulling involves placing a tablespoon of extra virgin organic cold pressed oil (sesame is fine too) into your mouth and then swishing it around for up to 20 minutes, minimum 5 minutes for starters pulling it between your teeth, before spitting it out. Whatever you do, do not swallow the oil as you will ingest the toxins you are trying to wipe out. Afterwards requires brushing your teeth with an all – natural fluoride – free toothpaste, and rinsing your mouth out. And you're done! It really is that easy though seems hard at first!

Why Oil Pulling?

With the mouth as the home to millions of bacteria, fungi, viruses and other toxins, the oil acts like a cleanser, pulling out the nasties before they get a chance to spread throughout the body. This frees up the immune system, reduces stress, curtails internal inflammation and aids well — being.

The Top 7 Benefits Of Oil Pulling:

- **1. Whitens Teeth.** The oil possesses natural antibiotic and antiviral properties that brighten and cleans teeth, keeping them pearly white. Try it for two weeks and you'll see for yourself.
- **2. Increases Energy.** When our immune system is put to work in clearing out toxic waste from our body, it drains our energy levels. Removing the noxious culprits in the first instance by oil pulling lowers the amount of work our body has to do to function, which leaves us feeling a whole lot better.
- **3. Detoxes The Body.** Germs in the body are much like poison causing inflammation and leading to disease and illness in turn. The gateway to the body for such contamination is the mouth. Therefore, in removing the toxins at the source before they get a chance to spread, the body undergoes a complete detox. Neat!
- **4. Aids Hormonal Changes.** Without having to compete with foreign substances, hormones can behave as they should, functioning to their best ability without being thrown off balance.
- **5. Reduces Headaches.** When the body is under toxic stress, headaches and migraines occur. It is nature's way of asking for some time out to recover. By eliminating bacteria from the body via oil pulling, headaches can be avoided.
- **6. Keeps The Skin Clear.** The benefits even extend to your skin! Removing toxins from the body that would otherwise make it into the bloodstream means the skin has a chance to shine. Rashes and skin issues often reduce dramatically, or even clear up completely, when oil pulling.
- **7. Promotes Oral Hygiene.** Oil pulling is highly effective at reducing tooth cavities and at eradicating bad breath. Removing the streptococcus mutant bacteria (an important player in tooth decay) as well as other microorganisms, oil pulling is great for oral health. It also helps with plaque-induced gingivitis. When you start oil pulling, you might experience some of the positive effects immediately, or it may take a few days or even weeks. It will very much depend on the state of your health to begin with, and how compromised your immune system is. Either way, hang on in there and you will grow to love it!

Soil Lovers say: Improving Your Oral Hygiene Is Key to Your Overall Health