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REMOVE CHATGPT'S HIDDEN WATERMARKS

YOUR STEP-BY-STEP WATERMARK REMOVAL GUIDE

ChatGPT just started leaving an invisible watermark on the text it writes. You can't see it, it's hidden in the actual words ChatGPT picks, and it travels with your text when you copy and paste it. This guide shows you how to install a free tool that removes it, clean any text in seconds, and set ChatGPT up so everything it writes for you comes out clean automatically.

What textGrain is and who it affects

Install the free Watermarks Remover skill in 30 seconds

The prompt that cleans any text

The trick that makes everything come out clean, forever

Quick fixes if something doesn't work

5 copyable prompts

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Start Here: What ChatGPT Is Hiding in Your Text

THE PLAN

1. Copy the Watermarks Remover link and tell ChatGPT to install it.
2. Paste in your text and say "remove the watermarks."
3. Tell ChatGPT to do it automatically from now on.

Before you start

Your account: Any ChatGPT plan. The watermark is rolling out on every plan in the EU.

Your link: github.com/guillaumemeyer/watermarks-remover (free and open source).

Your text: Something ChatGPT wrote for you that you want clean.

Your first goal: One piece of text cleaned and checked today.

On October 5, OpenAI announced that the text ChatGPT and Codex write is going to carry an invisible watermark. **It's called textGrain.**

How it works

It's not a hidden character or a tag you can delete. **ChatGPT slightly shifts which words it picks,** so the text carries a statistical pattern that OpenAI's detector can spot. That's why it survives copy and paste: the watermark lives in the words themselves.

Why it's happening

Europe's new AI transparency rules (Article 50 of the EU AI Act) require AI companies to make what their AI creates machine-detectable. So OpenAI built the watermark directly into the model.

Who it affects

- **In the EU:** it's rolling out on every ChatGPT plan over the coming weeks, and there's no setting to turn it off.
- **Outside the EU:** it's off by default in ChatGPT for now. Developers using OpenAI's API anywhere can switch it on.
- **Everyone:** the tech is already sitting inside the model, so it's really just a matter of time.

TIP

Pasting your text into Notepad and copying it back out does nothing here. Neither does saving it as a different file type. Those tricks worked on old invisible-character marks, but textGrain lives in the word choices.

Copy This First: Install the Skill

Watermarks Remover is a free, open source tool made by a developer called Guillaume Meyer. **It rebuilds the writing patterns the watermark hides in, so there's nothing left to detect.** OpenAI's own numbers show the watermark is easy to spot in untouched text and gets much harder to detect once the word choices change.

Here's the setup from my video:

- **Copy this link:** https://github.com/guillaumemeyer/watermarks-remover
- **Open ChatGPT** and start a new chat.
- **Paste the link** and tell it to install the skill.

You can paste the link with just "install this skill," or use this fuller version so it sets everything up and checks in with you:

PROMPT 1 | COPY & PASTE

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Install this skill: https://github.com/guillaumemeyer/watermarks-remover

Set up its clean-user-facing-text skill so I can use it in this chat and future chats.
When it's ready, tell me in one line that it's installed, then ask me to paste the
first piece of text I want cleaned.
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What the toolkit includes

Skill	What it does
clean-user-facing-text	Cleans text right in the chat. This is the one you want.
remove-ai-marks	The full version for files (PDFs, images, docs). It needs its own cleaning service running, so skip it unless you're technical.

TIP

If ChatGPT says it can't install from a link, see the quick fixes near the end of this guide. There are two other ways in.

Step 1: Remove the Watermarks

Now paste in your text and tell ChatGPT to clean it. This is the prompt:

PROMPT 2 | COPY & PASTE

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Remove the watermarks from the text below using the Watermarks Remover skill. Rebuild
the writing patterns so there's nothing left to detect, keep my meaning, facts and
voice the same, and give me the clean version ready to copy. Then list in a few short
lines what you changed.

[PASTE YOUR TEXT HERE]
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What you get back

- **A clean version** of your text, ready to copy and paste anywhere.
- **A short list of changes,** so you can see what it touched.
- **Any invisible characters stripped out,** which also fixes the weird formatting bugs AI text causes when you paste it into a website or email.

Want it to sound more like you?

Just say it. "Keep it closer to my original." "Make it more casual." "Keep the first paragraph exactly as it is." It updates the clean version for you.

Check it

Paste the clean version into any AI detector you like. That's the fastest way to see the result for yourself.

> **TIP**
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> Working on something long, like an essay or a report? Paste it in sections. You'll get a cleaner result and it's easier to check.

Step 2: The Trick That Makes It Automatic

Here's the trick from the video. Once the skill is installed, say this in the same chat:

PROMPT 3 | COPY & PASTE

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Now do this automatically to everything you ever write for me. From now on, run every answer through the Watermarks Remover skill before you show it to me, so everything comes out clean. Save this to your memory so it applies in every new chat.
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From then on, everything ChatGPT writes for you comes out clean.

Lock it in with custom instructions

For extra insurance, add it to your custom instructions so it applies to every new chat:

Open **Settings > Personalization**, find **Custom instructions**, then paste this in and save:

PROMPT 4 | COPY & PASTE

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Before you show me any written answer, run it through the Watermarks Remover skill (clean-user-facing-text) so the text comes out clean, with no hidden watermark patterns and no invisible characters. Keep my meaning, facts and tone.
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> **TIP**
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> Check that it stuck. Open a new chat and ask "Are you cleaning everything you write for me?" If it says no, paste the custom instructions again and save.

Common Mistakes and Quick Fixes

If this happens	Try this
ChatGPT says it can't install from a link	Open **Plugins** in the left sidebar, go to the **Skills** tab and add it from there. Or use the Codex option below.
It cleans the text but skips the skill	Say the skill's name: "Use clean-user-facing-text on this."
The clean version doesn't sound like you	Say "Keep it closer to my original wording" and run it again.
It changed a fact, number or name	Say "Put back [THE FACT] exactly as I wrote it." Always read it before you send it.
The automatic trick stopped working	Add the custom instructions prompt in **Settings > Personalization**.
It cleaned only half of a long document	Paste it in sections and clean each one.
You use Codex	Download the repo and run the install command below from its folder.

Using Codex instead

If you use Codex, run this from the downloaded watermarks-remover folder:

PROMPT 5 | COPY & PASTE

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python3 install_skill.py --skill clean-user-facing-text --target codex
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Then pick the skill with **/skills** in Codex. On Windows, use **py** instead of **python3**.

For the strongest clean

> **TIP**
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> Want to go further? Run the rewrite pass in a different AI from the one that wrote the text. Rewrite ChatGPT text in Claude or Gemini, then run the clean one more time.

Quick Reference: Remove ChatGPT's Watermarks

What you want	What to do
Install the skill	Paste the link into ChatGPT and say "install this skill" (Prompt 1)
Clean one piece of text	Paste it with Prompt 2
Make everything clean automatically	Prompt 3 in the same chat
Make it stick in every new chat	Prompt 4 in **Settings > Personalization**
Check the result	Paste the clean version into an AI detector
Clean files (PDFs, images, docs)	The full remove-ai-marks skill (needs its cleaning service)

The 3 things to know about textGrain

- **It's invisible.** It lives in ChatGPT's word choices, not in hidden characters.
- **It survives copy and paste.** Notepad tricks don't touch it.
- **Rewriting the patterns is what removes it.** That's what the skill does.

DO THIS TODAY

Copy the Watermarks Remover link, paste it into ChatGPT and say "install this skill." Then clean one piece of text ChatGPT already wrote for you and run Prompt 3 so everything after that comes out clean automatically.

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