

Try these green cleaning recipes as alternatives to chemical cleaning products. They're safer for you, your family and the environment...and cost less, too!



Tub & Tile Cleaner

1 2/3 cups water
1/4 cup liquid soap (not detergent)
1/4 cup baking soda
2 tablespoons vinegar
A few drops of essential oil (optional)

Dissolve soap in water. Stir in baking soda. Add vinegar. Store in a squirt bottle. Shake before using. Rinse surface thoroughly to avoid residue.



Toilet Bowl Cleaner

Mix 1 cup borax with 1/4 cup lemon juice or vinegar. Pour mixture in. Let sit. Scrub.



Glass Cleaner

1/4 cup white vinegar
1 quart warm water
Mix ingredients in a spray bottle. Shake and clean as you would with a commercial product.



Bleach

Hydrogen peroxide (3%)
Spot clean. Let dry. Repeat if necessary.

-or-

1/2 cup borax
2 gallons water
Mix together & presoak.



Fabric Softener

1/2 cup vinegar
Add to rinse cycle to soften & deodorize fabrics.



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Drain Cleaner

1/2 cup baking soda
1/2 cup vinegar
Pour baking soda down the drain followed by vinegar. Let it bubble for 15 minutes, then pour down about 1 quart boiling water. For stubborn clogs, use a mechanical snake.



Oven Cleaner

1 tablespoon liquid soap (not detergent)
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup salt
3/4 cup baking soda
Spray oven surfaces with soapy water. Mix salt & baking soda, then sprinkle on wet surface. Spray again so the mixture is damp & pasty. Let stand overnight. Scrape off with putty knife or wet pumice stone.



Tile Floor Cleaner

1 cup vinegar
1 gallon hot water
Mix, mop & wipe clean.
Tip—*To remove scuff marks, sprinkle with baking soda & spray with equal parts vinegar & water. Wipe clean.*



Silver Cleaner

3-inch square of aluminum foil
1 tablespoon salt
1 tablespoon baking soda
1 cup warm water
Dissolve salt & baking soda in warm water. Submerge foil & silver in the solution. Wait one hour. Rinse silver & wipe dry with a soft cloth.

-or-

Apply non-gel toothpaste to a soft cloth. Rub tarnished spots. Rinse & dry.



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