

Bathroom

Unclog Drains

Sprinkle a generous amount of baking soda in and around the drain opening. Follow with a cup of white vinegar. Flush with hot water.

Tub & Tile

For shower soap scum, add 1/2 cup baking soda and 1 cup of vinegar mixture. It will foam up when the vinegar and baking soda are mixed, so don't be alarmed. Use a brush to clean the tile and rinse with warm water.



Toilet

Mix 1/4 cup baking soda and 1 cup vinegar, pour into basin and let it set for a few minutes. Scrub with brush and rinse.

Need More Ideas?

Check out these web sites:

Otter Tail County Solid Waste:
www.co.otter-tail.mn.us/solidwaste

MN Office of Environmental Assistance:
www.moea.state.mn.us/campaign/toxics/index.html

The Twin Cities Green Guide:
www.thegreenguide.org/article/home/household

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HOW TO MAKE A NON-TOXIC HOME CLEANING KIT

To have a healthier home, use products free of toxic chemicals for cleaning.



1. Look for plant based products that disclose all of their ingredients.
2. Use simple materials already found in your home. For example, baking powder and vinegar.

Basic Supply List:



- Baking Soda
- Bon Ami Cleanser
- Borax
- Corn Starch
- Lemon Juice
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Vegetable Oil
- Salt
- Washing Soda
- White Vinegar



Remember! Safety First!

If you take a material out of its original container always label the filled containers with their new contents.

CLEANING RECIPES



All-Purpose Cleaner

Mix 1teaspoon of liquid soap or borax with a gallon of hot water. Lemon juice or vinegar added to the mix will cut grease and leave a fresh scent. Vinegar is a great deodorizer.

Another Variation:

To make 16 oz. mix 2/3 cups lemon juice or vinegar, 1 & 1/3 cups water, 1 teaspoon dishwashing soap (optional).

Note: Lemon juice will spoil. Use within three weeks for best results.

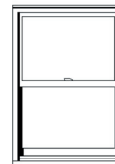


Alice's Wonder Spray

General-Purpose Cleaner

- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 2 tsp. borax
- 32 oz. hot water
- essential oil (optional) 20 drops
- 1/4 cup liquid dish soap (add last)

Mix in a 32 oz. spray bottle.



Windows

1/4 cup vinegar in 1/2 gallon of water.

Floors



Tile/Linoleum

Dissolve 1 to 2 teaspoons of dishwashing soap in 3 gallons of warm water. Mop floor with this solution; to rinse follow this procedure with 1 cup of white vinegar in 3 gallons of cool water.

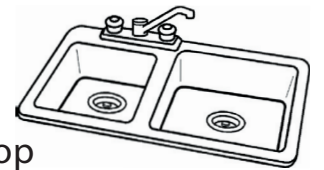
Wood

1/2 cup vinegar per gallon of water. Wipe dry.

Rug/Carpet Spot Remover

Blot immediately. Sprinkle with baking soda, cornstarch or borax and let dry. Wash with club soda and vacuum.

Kitchen



Sink/Countertop

Baking soda or Bon Ami.

Dishwasher

1 tablespoon of Borax in the rinse dispenser.

Oven Cleaner

Baking soda and warm water, salt or white vinegar.

Laundry



Stain Removal

Soak in Borax and water.

Fabric Softeners

1/2 cup vinegar and 1/2 cup water in rinse dispenser.