

Earth-friendly Cleaning Recipes

Oven cleaner: Mix 3 T. baking soda w/1 qt. warm water or mix 2 T. liquid soap and 2 t. borax w/warm water. Spray on, wait 20 minutes, then clean.

Toilet cleaners: Use toilet brush and 3 T. baking soda in 1 qt. Warm water or scrub w/ a solution of 1/2c borax in 1 gallon water

Disinfectants: 1/2 cup borax in 1-gallon water

Drain cleaners: plunger: flush w/boiling water, 1/4 cup baking soda, and 2 oz. Vinegar

Rug & upholstery cleaners: baking soda sprinkled on rug/then vacuum

Floor and furniture polish: 1 part lemon juice, 2 parts olive or vegetable oil

Bleach cleansers: for laundry, 1/2 cup white vinegar or 1/2 cup baking soda

Mothballs: cedar chips, newspapers, lavender flowers

Ammonia based cleansers: vinegar, salt, & water mix for surfaces. For bathroom, baking soda and water

Abrasive cleaners or powders: rub area w/1/2 lemon dipped in borax; rinse dry

Pesticides: roaches: traps or baking soda & powder sugar mix. Ants: chili powder to hinder entry

All-purpose cleaner: mix 1 qt. Warm water, 1 t. liquid soap, 1 t. borax, and 1/4 cup vinegar. Use for many cleaning jobs inc. counter tops, floors, walls, rugs, and upholstery.

Surface cleaner: mix vinegar and salt together (will remove grease if vinegar is at full strength). Use pumice stick to effectively clean ovens, racks, barbeques, etc.

Vinyl floor cleaner: use 1/2 cup white vinegar or 1/4 cup borax w/1 gallon water

Wood floor: damp mop w/mild vegetable soap

To remove black heel marks: rub w/paste of baking soda and water

To remove crayon marks: rub w/toothpaste and a damp cloth (won't work well on wallpaper or porous surfaces).

For windows: Mix $\frac{1}{4}$ cup white vinegar or 2 T lemon juice and a qt. of warm water in a spray bottle. Use as you would any window cleaner.

For discolored or stained glass or windows: Blend 3 parts dry mustard and 1 part white vinegar into a paste. Apply paste and rub till stain/discoloration disappears. Rinse well w/water. Toothpaste rubbed on wood furniture will remove watermarks. Polish w/soft cloth.

For scratches: mix equal parts of lemon juice and salad oil and rub into scratches w/soft cloth till they disappear.

Spot remover: Mix 1 part glycerin, 1 part liquid dishwashing detergent, 8 parts water. Store in plastic squeeze bottle. Shake well before each use. Removes many kinds of stains.