

All-Natural Homemade Cleaners

Surface Spray:

16 oz spray bottle
2 tsp. borax
¼ tsp. liquid castile soap (like Dr. Bronner's)
hot water

All Purpose Liquid Cleaner:

1 gal. hot water
1 tbsp. baking soda
2 tbsp. liquid soap (like Dr. Bronner's)

All Purpose Abrasive Cleaner:

liquid soap (like Dr. Bronner's)
2 tbsp. baking soda
Mix to make a foamy paste.

Refrigerator Cleaner:

2 tbs. baking soda in 1 qt warm water
Wipe down inside and out and rinse with a clean wet cloth.

Oven Cleaner:

*Dampen with water
Sprinkle liberally with baking soda
Leave 20 minutes, then scrub until clean.*

Microwave Cleaner:

½ c. vinegar
2 c. water
Combine in microwave safe bowl, heat on high for 3-4 minutes, remove bowl and wipe down inside of microwave.

Dishwasher Detergent:

2 c. borax
2 c. baking soda
4 little packages of unsweetened lemon Kool-Aid (or generic)
Mix together and store. You can substitute ½ c. of citric acid for the Kool-Aid but it's harder to find.

Fruit and Vegetable Wash:

1 cup water
1 cup white vinegar
1 tbsp. baking soda
20 drops grapefruit seed extract
Spray on produce, rinse after 5 minutes.

Fruit and Vegetable Wash #2:

1 cup water
1 tbsp. lemon juice
1 tbsp. baking soda
Spray on produce, wipe after 5 minutes.

Drain Cleaner:

1 c. baking soda first
1 c. white vinegar second
1 gallon boiling water
Allow to foam for 5 minutes before adding water.

Window, Glass and Chrome Cleaner:

5 parts water to 1 part white vinegar, OR
1 c. water, 1 c. vinegar, ½ tsp. castile soap (like Dr. Bronner's)

Toilet Bowl Cleaners:

Liquid castile soap (like Dr. Bronner's)
Baking soda or borax
Scrub with a toilet brush.

Tub And Tile Cleaner:

*Apply vinegar full-strength to a sponge and wipe
Scour with baking soda*

Soft Scrub for Fixtures:

½ c. baking soda
Castile soap
10 drops of antibacterial essential oil (optional)
Add enough castile soap until you have a frosting like consistency. Scrub, then rinse with water.

Mildew/Germ Killer:

2 c. water
25 drops of tea tree oil
25 drops of lavender oil

Spray on tile and do not wipe off.

Mildew/Germ Killer 2:
16 oz spray bottle
1 part hydrogen peroxide
2 parts water
Spray, let sit. Rinse after 1 hour.

Wood Floor Cleaner:

¼ c. vinegar
1 gal. warm water
Mop or rag should be slightly damp for cleaning.

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Linoleum Floor Cleaner:

1 c. vinegar

2 gal. warm water

Mop or rag can be fully wet for cleaning.

Carpet Stain Remover:

1 part borax

10 parts warm water

Combine in spray bottle. Spray on stain, wait 5 minutes, blot with clean rag.

Carpet Stain Remover:

vinegar

baking soda

Mix vinegar and baking soda into a paste. Gently work into stain with a toothbrush. Let dry then vacuum completely.

Carpet Deodorizer:

Baking soda

10 drops of essential oil (optional)

Mix together then sprinkle generously on carpet, wait 15 minutes and vacuum.

All-Purpose Carpet Cleaner:

After vacuuming first,

1 c. white vinegar

3 c. boiling water

Blot mixture onto nap of rug with a wet rag, Dry and air thoroughly. Vacuum.

Air Freshener:

2 parts water

1 part rubbing alcohol

Essential oil

Mix in spray bottle, don't spray on silks or delicates.

Experiment with how much oil to add, but start with 5 drops.

Air Freshener 2:

1 tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. vinegar or lemon juice

2 c. hot water

Mix in spray bottle, don't spray on silks or delicates.

Furniture Polish:

½ tsp. olive oil

¼ c. vinegar or lemon juice

Mix in a glass jar. Dab a soft rag into the solution and wipe onto wood surfaces.

Scratch Healer:

1 part lemon juice

1 part vegetable oil

Rub into the scratches and polish.

Rust Remover:

Sprinkle area with salt

Squeeze lime onto salt

Leave sit for 2-3 hours, then scrub w/ lime rind

Metal Polish (copper and brass):

2 tbsp. salt

Add vinegar until you make a paste. Rub on metal with a clean rag. Wipe clean.

Powdered Laundry Detergent:

1 c. grated Fels Naptha soap

½ c. washing soda

½ c. borax

For light load, use 1 tablespoon. For heavy or soiled load, use 2 tablespoons.

Laundry Pre-treatment (*do NOT use with bleach, since ammonia + bleach can create dangerous fumes):

½ c. ammonia

½ c. white vinegar

¼ c. baking soda

2 tbsp. liquid soap or laundry detergent

2 quarts water

Mix in spray bottle. Spray spot.

Laundry Pre-treatment 2:

1 tsp. liquid laundry detergent

2 tbsp. ammonia

1 pt. warm water

Mix in spray bottle. Spray spot, let sit for 20 minutes.

Fabric Softener:

Add ½ – 1 c. vinegar to your softener dispenser

Bleach Alternative (Laundry):

¼ c. hydrogen peroxide