

Clean Substitution

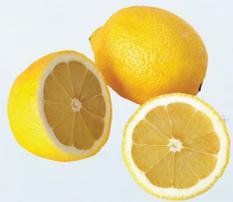
Cleaning can be kind to the environment and your pocketbook with non-toxic cleaning products that you can make at home.

Potentially harmful chemical → Environmentally friendly solution



Bleach → Borax

Hand Cleaner → Baby oil or margarine



Scouring Powders → Baking soda. Or rub area with one-half lemon dipped in borax, then rinse

Chrome Cleaner/Polish → Apple cider vinegar to clean; baby oil to polish



Mildew Remover → Paste with equal amounts of lemon juice and salt, or white vinegar and salt

Window Cleaner → 1 cup vinegar + 1 quart warm water. Rinse and squeegee



Floor Cleaner → 1 cup vinegar + 2 gallons of water

Fiberglass Stain Remover → Baking soda paste

Stainless Steel Cleaner → Baking soda or mineral oil for polishing, vinegar to remove spots

Rug/Upholstery Cleaner → Dry corn starch sprinkled on; vacuum



General Cleaner → Baking soda and vinegar. Or lemon juice combined with borax paste

Drain Opener → Disassemble, use plumber's snake; or flush with boiling water + 1/4 cup baking soda + 1/4 cup vinegar



Tips for boat cleaning:

- If detergents are necessary, use soaps that are phosphate free, biodegradable, and non-toxic.
- Soap should be used sparingly because even nontoxic products can be harmful to wildlife.
- Try some of the substitution cleaning products.

Making Cleaning Product Tips:

- Rinse and reuse plastic bottles to store home-made cleaning products.
- Be sure to LABEL the bottle with what is now inside. Using a piece of duct tape and a permanent marker works well for this.
- If it works for you, share the substitute cleaning product with a friend.

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