

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

To learn more about cleaning green, look for these books at your local library.

Clean & Green
by Annie Berthold-Bond

Clean House, Clean Planet
by Karen Logan

The Healthy Home
by Linda Mason Hunter

Or check out some of these websites:

www.naturodoc.com/library/lifestyle/cleaner.htm

www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/9684/fabric.html

www.msue.msu.edu/msue/imp/mod02/01500631.html



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Naturally Clean

NON-TOXIC PRODUCTS FOR YOUR HOME

CONSERVATION EDUCATION

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SAFE & EASY

Replace the toxic household cleaning products under your sink with environmentally friendly cleaners.

SHOPPING LIST

White Vinegar
Essential Oils
Baking Soda
Lemon Juice
Borax
Olive Oil
Salt
Spray bottle

HOW THEY WORK

- Vinegar and lemon juice cut grease.
- Baking soda cleans and deodorizes
- Borax cleans, deodorizes and disinfects
- Essential oils add fragrance and boost cleaning power

RECIPES

Window Cleaner

1/4 cup white vinegar
1 quart warm water
A few drops of essential oil
Mix in a spray bottle

Sink and Tub Scrubber

1/2 cup borax
1/2 cup baking soda
1 1/2 tsp. each of lemon and orange essential oils
Store in glass jar, use as a scrubbing cleanser.

Oven Cleaner

1 part vinegar
4 parts water
Mix in spray bottle. Spray on cool oven. For tough spots use baking soda as a scrub.

Toilet Bowl Cleaner

Flush toilet once to wet
Sprinkle 1 cup borax in bowl
Drizzle 1/2 cup vinegar
Let set for several hours, then scrub with a toilet brush

Carpet Deodorizer

Sprinkle carpet with baking soda. Let set for 15 minutes then vacuum.

Fabric Softener

Add 1 cup vinegar or 1/4 cup baking soda to final rinse

Unclog Drains

Pour 1-2 handfuls of baking soda and 1/2 cup white vinegar down drain.
Cover tightly for one minute.
Flush with hot water.

Silver Polish

Boil silver for 3 minutes in a mixture of...
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
Piece of aluminum foil

Furniture Polish

2 parts olive oil
1 part lemon juice
Apply with a soft cloth

HELPFUL HINTS

- ◆ Use vinegar to clean metal screens and storm doors.
- ◆ Use hydrogen peroxide based bleaches. They break down to hydrogen and oxygen in water.
- ◆ Use newspapers to clean windows.

Always properly dispose of toxic household products at hazardous waste collection sites!