Green Cleaning

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Ingredients

- Baking soda – cleans, deodorizes, scour
- Borax – cleans, deodorizes, disinfects
- Castile soap or vegetable oil-based liquid soap – cleans
- Distilled white vinegar – cuts grease and soap scum, dissolves mineral deposits, inhibits mold, freshens; reportedly kills 99% of bacteria, 82% of mold, and 80% of viruses
- Essential oils – freshen, disinfect
- Kosher salt – scour, disinfect
- Water

Equipment or Tools

- Measuring cups and spoons
- Jars
- Spray bottles

Instructions

- **TUB AND TILE CLEANER:** In a jar or spray bottle, combine **1 2/3 cup baking soda** with **1/2 cup vegetable oil-based liquid soap**. Add **1/2 cup water** and **2 tablespoons vinegar**. Shake before using. Apply with a cloth or sponge and rinse well.

- **SCOURING POWDER:** Combine **1 cup baking soda**, **1 cup borax**, and **1 cup kosher salt** in a jar. Sprinkle on area to be cleaned, wipe with a sponge, and rinse.
• **TOILET BOWL CLEANER**: Mix **1/4 cup borax or baking soda** and **1 cup vinegar** in the toilet. Let it sit for 15 minutes (or longer, if necessary), scrub, and flush.

• **GLASS CLEANER**: Combine **1/4 cup vinegar** and **4 cups warm water** in a spray bottle. Use to clean glass or mirrors with a dry cloth or piece of newspaper **OR** try straight **Club Soda**.

• **DRAIN CLEANER**: Pour **1/2 cup baking soda** into drain followed by **1 cup vinegar**. Let it sit and fizz for 15 minutes, then rinse with hot or boiling water. May need to repeat or leave baking soda and vinegar in overnight.

• **FLOOR SANITIZER**: In a bucket, mix **1/2 cup borax** with **2 gallons hot water**. Apply with a mop or sponge. Rinsing is not necessary.

• **SOAP SCUM REMOVER**: Sprinkle on **baking soda**, scrub with a cloth or sponge, and rinse. **Vinegar** or **kosher salt** also work.

• **CALCIUM OR LIME REMOVER**: For calcium or lime deposits on a chrome faucet, soak a towel in **vinegar** and wrap it around the faucet. Let it sit for a couple of hours or overnight.

• **MOLD OR MILDEW REMOVER**: Mix **1/2 cup borax** and **1/2 cup vinegar** to make a paste. Scrub with a brush or sponge and rinse with water. For tough mold, let it sit for an hour before rinsing with water.

Where to find ingredients at the grocery store:
• Baking soda: baking section
• Borax: laundry section
• Vegetable oil-based soaps: cleaner section
• Vinegar: salad dressing section
• Essential oils: health food stores
• Kosher salt: spice section

Additional Tips:

• Add a few drops of essential oil for fragrance and/or cleaning power. Eucalyptus, lavender, lemon, tea tree, and thyme are among the essential oils considered to be antiseptic and antibacterial.