

SAFE ALTERNATIVES to Common Household Chemicals



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One of the best means of avoiding exposure to household hazardous waste is to use safer alternatives whenever possible. These suggested alternatives are only a sample of available options.

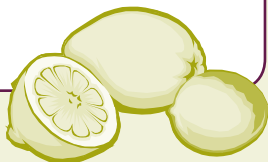
A few basic ingredients:

Baking Soda can be used as a mild abrasive cleaner and is an alternative to silica-based scouring products.

Vinegar is used as an all-purpose cleaner, hard surface cleaner, and glass cleaner. It is an alternative to ammonia-based cleaners and other corrosive products.

Borax is a naturally occurring mineral found in boron-rich areas in the western United States and is an alternative to chlorine or silica-based scouring products.

Lemons are highly acidic, which makes them a strong cleaning agent. Additionally, they provide a refreshing and clean scent.



Recipes

General cleaner

Dissolve 4 tablespoons baking soda in 1 quart warm water. Or use baking soda on a damp sponge. Baking soda will clean and deodorize all kitchen and bathroom surfaces.

Window cleaner

Fill a spray bottle with:

1/8 cup white vinegar

1 cup water

All-purpose Insect/Pest Spray

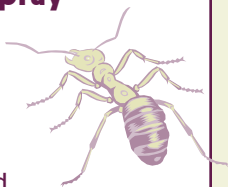
In a blender mix:

1/2 garlic bulb

1/2 small onion

16 ounces water

Then add 1/2 teaspoon powdered cayenne pepper and steep one hour.



Strain well. Last, add 1 tablespoon liquid dish soap.

Pour into spray bottle and spray plants thoroughly, including underside of leaves. Use on leaf-eating insects. Recipe will store for one week in a refrigerator.

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