

Green

Cleaning Recipes

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All-Purpose Cleaner

For spots on linoleum, tile walls, appliances and woodwork.

- Liquid Castile Soap (or Murphy's)

Squeeze a drop of soap on a wet washcloth and rub briskly.

A washcloth will last longer and create less waste than a sponge. The cleaner can also be used with water in a spray bottle or with a mop.

Tub & Sink Cleaner

- baking soda
- Liquid Castile Soap (or Murphy's)

You can use baking soda in place of your scouring powder. Sprinkle it on porcelain fixtures and rub with a wet rag. Add a little soap to the rag for more cleaning power. Rinse well to avoid leaving a hazy film.

Toilet Bowl Cleaner

- baking soda
- Liquid Castile Soap (or Murphy's)

Sprinkle baking soda inside the bowl as you would with scouring powder. Squeeze a couple of drops of soap into the bowl and scrub. Flush to rinse clean.

Linoleum Floor Cleaner

- 1/2 cup vinegar
- water

Mop with a mixture of vinegar in a bucket of warm water. The vinegar odor will go away shortly after the floor dries.

Wood Floor & Furniture Polish

- 1/4 cup mineral oil
- 1/4 cup lemon juice

Apply a thin coat over the surface with a clean cloth and rub briskly.

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Best Window Wash

- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 cups water
- spray bottle

Place ingredients in a spray bottle, shake it and spray. Then wipe your windows dry with a wadded up section of newspaper.

Drain Cleaner

- 1/4 cup baking soda
- 2 quarts boiling water
- 1/2 cup vinegar

Pour baking soda down the drain, followed by vinegar. Cover drain opening and let stand 15 minutes. Follow with boiling water.

If above methods fail, use a plunger or a plumber's snake and boiling water.

Oven Cleaner

- 1/4 cup baking soda
- 2 tablespoons salt
- hot water

Remove remnants of charred spills with a non-metallic bristle brush.

Clean oven with a paste of baking soda, salt and enough hot water to make paste. Let paste sit on spill for five minutes. Caution: Keep paste off oven wires and heating elements.

Use a scouring pad for scrubbing food deposits. This recipe will require 'elbow grease' but it is not toxic to humans or pets. Try spot cleaning your oven regularly; dirty ovens are less energy-efficient. Do not use this cleaner on self-cleaning ovens.

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