

Non-toxic Cleaning Alternatives

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Toxic Product	Alternative
All Purpose Cleaner	Mix one cup white vinegar with two gallons water.
Air Freshener	Leave out an open box of baking soda.
Aluminum Cleaner	2 Tablespoons cream of tartar in 1 quart hot water
Ammonia-Based Cleaners	Vinegar, salt, and water.
Bleach	Borax or hydrogen peroxide
Brass Cleaner	Worcestershire sauce. Or paste made of equal parts of salt, vinegar, and water.
Chrome Cleaner/Polish	Apple cider vinegar to clean; baby oil to polish.
Copper Cleaner	Lemon juice and water. Or paste of lemon juice, salt, and flour.
Drain Opener	Disassemble and replace or use plumber's snake. Or flush with boiling water + ¼ cup baking soda + ¼ cup vinegar.
Fiberglass Stain Remover	Baking soda paste.
Floor Cleaner	One cup white vinegar in 2 gallons water.
General Cleaner	Baking soda and vinegar. Or lemon juice combined with borax paste.
Hand Cleaner	Baby oil or margarine.
Head Cleaner	Put in baking soda and use a brush.
Mildew Remover	Paste using equal parts of lemon juice and salt or white vinegar and salt.
Rug/Upholstery Cleaner	Sprinkle on dry cornstarch and then vacuum.
Scouring Powders	Baking soda or salt. Or rub area with one-half of a lemon dipped in borax, then rinse.
Shower Cleaner	Wet surface, sprinkle with baking soda, rub with scouring cloth.
Stainless Steel Cleaner	Baking soda or mineral oil for polishing, vinegar to remove spots.
Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Use toilet brush and baking soda.
Varnish Cleaner	Wipe with ½ cup vinegar and ½ cup water solution
Window Cleaner	Mix two tablespoons vinegar in one quart of water or rub glass with newspaper.
Wood Polish	3 parts olive oil and 1 part white vinegar (for interior unvarnished wood only).

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