

BRASS/COPPER CLEANER

Pour small amounts of Ketchup into a glass bowl and use a rough cloth to rub the Ketchup on whatever item you want to clean. (recycle your old towels or t-shirts) Lemon Juice will work too.



Deodorizer - Sprinkled baking soda on carpet and vacuum or a bowl of lemon juice to make the air fresher.

Cleaner – Mix baking soda with water to make a paste and use on greasy surfaces.

Tip: The common mothball is made of paradichlorobenzene, which is harmful to liver and kidneys. Cedar chips in a cheesecloth square, or cedar oil in an absorbent cloth will repel moths.

DRAIN CLEANER:

1 cup white vinegar
¼ cup baking soda

Pour vinegar in drain then add baking soda. Once “fizzing” stops, use a plunger to clear the clog. This will also freshen your drain.

DISINFECTANT

½ cup Borax
1 gallon Boiling

Put in a spray bottle after the solution cools and use to disinfect countertops, door knobs, bathrooms.

MOLD KILLERS:

Tea Tree Treasure

Tea tree oil is more expensive, but a little goes a very long way. Note that the smell of tea tree oil is very strong, but it will dissipate in a few days.

2 teaspoons [tea tree oil](#)
2 cups water

Combine in a spray bottle, shake to blend, and spray on problem areas. Do not rinse. Makes two cups.

Borax-Vinegar Spray

Straight vinegar reportedly kills 82 percent of mold. Pour some white distilled vinegar straight into a spray bottle and add ½ cup Borax to every 2 cup of white vinegar, spray on the moldy area, and let set without rinsing.

SUPPLIES

Baking soda
Washing soda
White distilled vinegar
Borax
Lemon Juice
Ketchup
Tea tree oil
Spray bottles or 2 glass jars
Olive Oil
Salt

OVEN CLEANER

1 cup or more baking soda
¼ cup of salt
Water
A squirt or two of Castile Soap

Sprinkle water generously over the bottom of the oven, then cover the grime with enough baking soda that the surface is totally white. Sprinkle some more water over the top. Let the mixture set overnight. You can easily wipe up the grease the next morning because the grime will have loosened.



ALL-PURPOSE SPRAY CLEANER

1/2 cup Vinegar
¼ cup baking or washing soda
A drop of liquid soap
2 cups hot tap water

Combine the ingredients in a spray bottle and shake until the washing soda has dissolved. Apply and wipe off with a sponge or rag.

FURNITURE POLISH

1/2 teaspoon oil, such as olive (or [jojoba](#), a liquid wax)

1/4 cup vinegar or fresh lemon juice

Mix the ingredients in a glass jar. Dab a soft rag into the solution and wipe onto wood surfaces.

Cover the glass jar and store indefinitely.



CREAMY SOFT SCRUBBER

Simply pour about 1/2 cup of [baking soda](#) into a bowl, and add enough liquid detergent to make a texture like frosting. Scoop the mixture onto a sponge, and wash the surface. This is the perfect recipe for cleaning the bathtub because it rinses easily and doesn't leave grit.

Tip: Add 1 teaspoon of vegetable glycerin to the mixture and store in a sealed glass jar, to keep the product moist. Otherwise just make as much as you need at a time.

WINDOW CLEANER

1/4-1/2 teaspoon Castile Soap

3 tablespoons [vinegar](#)

2 cups water

Spray bottle; shake well

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