

Low Impact Household Cleaners

All-purpose Cleaner

1 tsp Borax
½ tsp washing soda
2 T vinegar or lemon juice
½ tsp vegetable oil soap
2 c very hot tap water

Combine first 4 items in a spray bottle. Add hot water and shake. Let cool. To clean and shine appliances, leave out the washing soda. For tub and tile, increase vinegar to 3 T.

Glass Cleaner

½ tsp vegetable oil soap
3 T vinegar
2 C water
Pour all items in a spray bottle, shake and use.

Scouring Powder

Shake baking soda from a shaker container.

Drain Cleaner

Pour 1 c baking soda into clogged drain. Add 1 c vinegar. Wait several minutes and rinse with very hot water.

Silver Tarnish Remover

1 T baking soda
sheet of aluminum foil
hot water
dishpan

Place silver pieces on the foil in dishpan. Add baking soda and hot water. Let sit 15 minutes to 1 hour. Wash and rinse thoroughly. Can add 1 T salt to speed up process, but this also removed tarnish in crevices which some people may desire to keep.

Copper, Brass and Bronze Cleaner

½ lemon
salt

Rub the cut side of the lemon in the salt and rub onto the metal. Rinse and dry.

Furniture Polish

1/s tps olive oil
¼ c vinegar or lemon juice
soft cotton cloth

Mix ingredients in bowl or jar. Use on rag to clean and shine wood.