

GREEN CLEANING

Lemons, Baking Soda & Vinegar all have natural cleaning powers which can be easy and safe to use!

Hair Spray removes ink. Spray stain, let stand & wash as usual.

Denture tablets clean vases. Fill vase about 1" from top with water. Add tablets & let dissolve completely. Rinse well.

Crayons cover scratches. Tub appropriate color of crayon on scratch.

Toothpaste cleans gold. Rub gold jewelry with paste. Use brush if necessary. Rinse well.

Mayonnaise removes water spots. Spread mayonnaise on water spot. Let soak into wood. Wipe off thoroughly.

Walnuts cover scratches. Scratches on furniture can be covered by rubbing walnut or other nutmeat directly on them.

Soda Water cleans carpet stains. Blot stain with soda water & sponge.

Aluminum Foil removes tarnish. Fill pan with water, add 1 tbsp., salt & baking soda & a few sheets of aluminum foil. Add silver & let mixture set for 1 hr. Tarnish goes onto the foil. Rinse the silver in hot water & polish dry.

Lemon Juice cleans silver. Soak silver in lemon juice. Rinse well with hot water & polish dry.

Shampoo removes laundry stains. Use shampoo to remove ring around the collar.

Ground Spice with cornstarch removes carpet odor. Mix spice (*cinnamon, cloves, etc.*) & cornstarch, wait several hours or overnight & vacuum.

Vinegar cleans windows. Mix a small amount of vinegar with 1 cup water and spray as usual.

LEMONS

Place cut lemons & water in a tarnished pan or place tarnished utensils in a pan with lemon water. Stew on low, for about 1 hour or so, until stains are gone.



Place slices of lemon in a pot of water or potpourri warmer with water. Simmer in open pot for an hour.

Rub cut lemons into a washed cutting board to eliminate food odors. Set slices of lemons around the kitchen while preparing food.

Pour baking soda into a drain and follow with ½ cup of lemon juice. Let mixture stand for 15 minutes (*will foam*) before rinsing with hot water.

Use lemon juice as a window cleaner.

Lemon juice may be used to clean brass & copper. Add some salt for tough cleaning jobs.

Lighten wood, such as butcher blocks, cutting boards & raw tabletops, by saturating a sponge with lemon juice & washing the wood. Do not rinse.

Bleach clothes by adding ½ cup of lemon juice to the wash cycle. It can also be added to the rinse cycle.

Remove ink stains from cloth by soaking in lemon juice.

Remove mold or rust from cloth by using a paste made from salt & lemon juice.

Clean chrome with lemon juice or rub a lemon directly on the chrome.

Rinse hands with lemon juice to remove onion odors, berry stains, food coloring & etc.

Remove shampoo residue by rinsing hair with lemon juice & warm water.



VINEGAR

Running vinegar through a coffee pot will clean it easily. Remember to run clear water through after the vinegar cycle.

Adding 1 cup of vinegar to the rinse cycle will brighten **dark** colors.

Vinegar & baking soda will keep the drain & toilet bowl clean. Pour 1 cup of baking soda followed by ½ cup vinegar, wait, then rinse with hot water.

For a clean, spotless rinse for dishes, add 1-2 tbsp. of vinegar to dish water. It also helps to cut grease.

Clean brass & copper using vinegar & lemon juice or vinegar & salt, if an abrasive is needed.

Remove soap build-up from shower curtains by cleaning it with a sponge saturated in vinegar. This will also help kill mold and mildew.

Wash floors with 1 cup of vinegar added to a pail of water.

Carpet stains can be removed by mixing vinegar with water. Rub with sponge, then rinse well.

Add vinegar to the rinse water to help soften fabric & control static cling & lint.

Remove berry stains by soaking in vinegar.

A solution of half vinegar & half water, when applied with a piece of terrycloth, will remove fingerprints & other smears from appliances.

Clean & shine plant leaves of large house plants with a solution of ¼ cup **white** vinegar to 1 gallon cool water. Apply with a soft cotton cloth.

Pour vinegar on unwanted grass growing between cracks.



BAKING SODA

Freshen up by placing by placing baking soda in small areas, such as, the refrigerator, closets, & etc.



Sprinkle baking soda on the carpet to help control odors. Wait several hours or overnight. Vacuum as usual.

Baking soda & scouring pads will clean an oven without the strong fumes of commercial cleaners.

Baking soda may be used as a scouring powder for sinks, counter tops, etc.

Control cat litter box odor by sprinkling baking soda in the box.

Create spray air freshener by combining 2 tsp. of baking soda & 2 tsp. lemon juice with 2 cups of hot water. Dissolve & use in a spray bottle.

Control garbage odors by adding a sprinkle of baking soda to the trash container every time you add garbage.

Clean & deodorize the microwave with a paste of baking soda & water. Wash & rinse. Then, to control odors, keep a box of baking soda inside between uses.

Baking soda & water makes a cleaning paste for stainless steel and helps rub away heel or skid marks.

Odors can be removed from clothes by soaking overnight in the rinse cycle with a box of dissolved baking soda.



Use baking soda to clean baby's things, such as toys, high chair, changing table, etc. Apply to damp sponge, wipe & rinse.

Use baking soda & water to wash off vinyl furniture and car seats.

Baking soda should be kept handy near the grill or stove; it will quickly extinguish flare-ups or sparks.

Keep a box of baking soda in the cooler between uses to help eliminate odors; especially helps during the winter "down time".