Try these green cleaning recipes as alternatives to chemical cleaning products. They're safer for you, your family and the environment...and cost less, too!

### Drain Cleaner
- 1/2 cup baking soda
- 1/2 cup vinegar

Pour baking soda down the drain followed by vinegar. Let it bubble for 15 minutes, then pour down about 1 quart boiling water. For stubborn clogs, use a mechanical snake.

### Oven Cleaner
- 1 tablespoon liquid soap (not detergent)
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup salt
- 3/4 cup baking soda

Spray oven surfaces with soapy water. Mix salt & baking soda, then sprinkle on wet surface. Spray again so the mixture is damp & pasty. Let stand overnight. Scrape off with putty knife or wet pumice stone.

### Tub & Tile Cleaner
- 1 3/4 cups water
- 1/4 cup liquid soap (not detergent)
- 1/4 cup baking soda
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- A few drops of essential oil (optional)


### Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Mix 1 cup borax with 1/4 cup lemon juice or vinegar. Pour mixture in. Let sit. Scrub.

### Glass Cleaner
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1 quart warm water

Mix ingredients in a spray bottle. Shake and clean as you would with a commercial product.

### Bleach
- Hydrogen peroxide (3%)
- Spot clean. Let dry. Repeat if necessary.
  - or -
- 1/2 cup borax
- 2 gallons water

Mix together & presoak.

### Fabric Softener
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- Add to rinse cycle to soften & deodorize fabrics.

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### Silver Cleaner
- 3-inch square of aluminum foil
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 1 cup warm water

Dissolve salt & baking soda in warm water. Submerge foil & silver in the solution. Wait one hour. Rinse silver & wipe dry with a soft cloth.
  - or -
- Apply non-gel toothpaste to a soft cloth. Rub tarnished spots. Rinse & dry.

### Tile Floor Cleaner
- 1 cup vinegar
- 1 gallon hot water

Mix, mop & wipe clean.

### Tip
To remove scuff marks, sprinkle with baking soda & spray with equal parts vinegar & water. Wipe clean.

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