

Brand Names cost more....DO IT YOURSELF IDEAS – NON-TOXIC AND CHEAP

Save on cleaning products by making your own. When a consumer pays one dollar for a finished product, the manufacturer has usually spent less than three cents for the materials to make it. With some basic ingredients like ammonia, baking soda, bleach, etc. you can feel really good about saving money and cleaning.

WINDOW WASHING FORMULAS

½ cup sudsy ammonia
1 pint 70% Isopropyl Rubbing Alcohol
1 teaspoon liquid dishwashing soap

Add enough water to make one gallon of fluid

OR

½ tsp vegetable oil soap
3 Tbsp vinegar
2 cups of water
Spray on windows and wipe dry with cotton cloth or newspapers

OR

4 tablespoons of ammonia with one quart warm water

DRAIN MAINTENANCE (monthly)

½ cup baking soda
3 cups boiling water
Pour baking soda down drain – follow with boiling water ---rinse with hot water

OR

½ cup baking soda
½ cup vinegar or lemon juice
Pour baking soda down drain –follow with vinegar or lemon juice –Let mixture work for 15 minutes before rinsing with hot water

OR

½ cup vinegar or washing soda.....rinse with hot tap water

OR

1 cup baking soda

1 cup salt

¼ cup cream of tartar ---Stir with fork – Pour ¼ of the mixture in the drain, add one cup boiling water, and then flush with cold water. Use weekly to keep drains open

TUB & TILE CLEANER (NOT FOR FIBERGLASS)

½ teaspoon washing soda

1 teaspoon Borax

¼-1/2 vegetable oil soap

3 tablespoons vinegar

2 cups very hot water

Spray on then wipe with sponge

LEMON FLOOR CLEANER

½ cup vegetable oil based soap

½ cup lemon juice

2 gallons warm water

Wash floors as usual

SOFT SCRUB

1/2 cup baking soda

Enough vegetable oil soap to make baking soda into a creamy paste

Scoop onto a sponge and wash surface.

For tougher jobs (but not fiberglass) add washing soda

For disinfectant, add Borax

TOILET BOWL CLEANER

1 cup borax

¼ cup vinegar or lemon juice

Pour into toilet let sit a few hours

Scrub with toilet brush

OR

Use ¼ cup detergent and scrub

FURNITURE SCRATCH REMOVER

Grind enough pecan meats to make one tablespoon.

Add mineral oil to make a paste.

Rub into the scratch with a cloth

WOOD FURNITURE DUSTING

½ tsp olive oil

¼ cup vinegar or lemon juice

Mix ingredients – Dab soft cotton cloth into the solution and dust, polish or shine your furniture.

Reuse the cloth over and over again

HOMEMADE CUT FLOWER PRESERVATIVE.....

.....from the Brooklyn Botanical Garden

Cut stem with a knife- not scissors

1 teaspoon sugar

1 teaspoon bleach

2 Tbsp. lemon or lime juice

Per quart of warm water....

MISCELLANEOUS TIPS -

- **Clean your glass shower easily by applying lemon juice to the glass with a sponge. Then, take newspaper and wipe the lemon juice off the glass. It will be clean and sparkle.**
- **No more mosquitoes- Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep mosquitos away.**
- **Keep squirrels away from your plants with cayenne pepper.**