

ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTHY HOMES PROJECT
(A Project of the Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program)



How to make your own Green Cleaning Products

- **All-Purpose Cleaner** for countertops, kitchen and bathroom: In a spray bottle, combine equal parts distilled white vinegar and water. Add a few drops of lemon juice for fresh scent, or a few drops of tea tree oil for disinfectant properties. Shake before using.
- **Window & Mirror Cleaner**: In a spray bottle combine two parts water and three parts distilled white vinegar. Spray on windows/mirror and wipe with newspaper or paper towels.
- **Scrub Cleaner** for dishes, countertops, toilet bowl, bathtub, and sink: In a glass jar with a tight-fitting lid, mix baking soda with liquid castile soap until a paste-like consistency is achieved. If desired, add a few drops of lemon juice for fragrance or tea tree oil for disinfectant properties. Apply to sponge or rag to clean dishes, sinks, etc. Apply to toilet brush to clean toilet bowl.
- **Wood Furniture Polish**: In a glass jar with a tight-fitting lid, mix two parts olive or vegetable oil with one part lemon juice. Shake well and apply to furniture using a clean, lint-free rag or towel. Let stand, then polish.
- **Silver Polish**: In one quart of warm water, mix two tablespoons of baking soda with one tablespoon of salt. Add a piece of aluminum foil and the item to be polished. Let sit for at least 15 minutes.
- **Drain Cleaner**: Pour ¼ cup of baking soda into drain, followed by ½ cup of vinegar. After 15 minutes, pour two quarts of boiling water down the drain.

Recipes provided by the Toxics Use Reduction Institute
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