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DIY  
CLEANING

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# PRODUCT RECIPES



# HOME REMEDIES FOR A SPARKLING CLEAN HOME

Budget-friendly, easy-to-make cleaning solutions using simple ingredients you probably already have at home.

These DIY cleaning products work just as well as many commercial options when used correctly.

# ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS FOR DIY CLEANERS

## **BAKING SODA**

GREAT FOR SCRUBBING WITHOUT SCRATCHING. CAN BE USED DRY OR IN WET MIXTURES. ABSORBS ODORS WHEN PLACED OPEN IN A ROOM.

## **CLEANING VINEGAR (6%+ ACETIC ACID) OR DISTILLED WHITE VINEGAR (5%)**

MILD ACID THAT BREAKS DOWN LIME, GREASE, SOAP SCUM, MOLD, AND MILDEW. NEVER MIX WITH HYDROGEN PEROXIDE.

## **DISH SOAP (DAWN RECOMMENDED)**

A SURFACTANT THAT DISSOLVES GREASE AND OIL. KEY INGREDIENT IN MANY HOMEMADE CLEANERS.

## **HYDROGEN PEROXIDE (3%+)**

ANTIFUNGAL, ANTIVIRAL, ANTIBACTERIAL. PENETRATES POROUS SURFACES AND KILLS MOLD SPORES. NEVER MIX WITH VINEGAR.

## **ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL (70%+)**

DISINFECTANT THAT EVAPORATES QUICKLY, REMOVES STICKY RESIDUES.

## **LEMON JUICE**

CITRIC ACID BREAKS DOWN ALKALINE STAINS, LIME SCALE, AND GREASE.

## **ESSENTIAL OILS**

TEA TREE OIL: ANTIFUNGAL, ANTIBACTERIAL, KILLS BLACK MOLD.

LAVENDER OIL: REPELS SPIDERS.

CLOVE OIL: REPELS SPIDERS, KILLS MOLD SPORES.

EUCALYPTUS OIL: ELIMINATES DUST MITES.

PEPPERMINT OIL: REPELS BUGS, FRESH SCENT.

## **MINERAL OIL (BABY OIL)**

POLISHES STAINLESS STEEL APPLIANCES.

# DIY MULTI-PURPOSE CLEANING PRODUCTS

## 1. MULTI-PURPOSE CLEANING PASTE

### **RATIO:**

1 CUP BAKING SODA  
1/3 TO 1/2 CUP DAWN DISHWASHING LIQUID

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

USE 1/2 CUP DISH DETERGENT FOR TOUGH, DRIED-ON DIRT OR VERTICAL SURFACES (E.G., SHOWER GLASS).  
USE 1/3 CUP DISH DETERGENT FOR LIGHT CLEANING OR HORIZONTAL SURFACES.

### **USES:**

IDEAL FOR KITCHEN STOVETOPS, PANS, SINKS, AND TOUGH STAINS.

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## 2. GENTLE ALL-PURPOSE CLEANING SPRAY

### **RATIO:**

EQUAL PARTS DISTILLED WHITE VINEGAR AND WARM WATER  
ADD 4 TABLESPOONS DISH SOAP FOR STUBBORN GRIME

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

MIX IN A SPRAY BOTTLE.  
ADD LEMON OR ORANGE ESSENTIAL OILS FOR SCENT (OPTIONAL).  
AVOID ON GRANITE OR STONE COUNTERTOPS; USE NATURAL STONE CLEANER INSTEAD.

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## 3. MULTI-PURPOSE DISINFECTANT SPRAY

### **RATIO:**

3/4 CUP RUBBING ALCOHOL  
1/4 CUP DISTILLED WATER  
1 CUP VINEGAR  
10 DROPS LEMON OR ORANGE ESSENTIAL OIL

# DIY KITCHEN CLEANERS

## KITCHEN STOVETOP CLEANER (MULTI-PURPOSE CLEANING PASTE)

SAME AS MULTI-PURPOSE CLEANING PASTE ABOVE.

## SMOOTH SURFACE KITCHEN DEGREASER

### RATIO: FORMULA 1

1/4 CUP BAKING SODA  
1 TABLESPOON LEMON JUICE  
1 CUP WATER

### INSTRUCTIONS:

MIX INGREDIENTS IN A SPRAY BOTTLE AND SWIRL TO DISSOLVE BAKING SODA.  
SMOOTH SURFACE KITCHEN DEGREASER

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### FORMULA 2

EQUAL PARTS WARM WATER AND WHITE VINEGAR

### USE:

GENTLE ON PAINTED KITCHEN CABINETS.  
KITCHEN OVEN DEEP CLEANER

### RATIO:

1/4 CUP DISH SOAP  
1/4 CUP HYDROGEN PEROXIDE

### INSTRUCTIONS:

APPLY WITH SPRAY BOTTLE OR CLOTH, LET SIT, THEN SCRUB. USE RAZOR BLADE SCRAPER ON GLASS SURFACES IF NEEDED.

# DIY BATHROOM CLEANERS

## BATHROOM GENERAL CLEANER

### RATIO:

1 CUP WHITE VINEGAR

1/2 CUP DISH SOAP

USE WITH A KITCHEN DISH SCRUB BRUSH.

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## SHOWER GLASS CLEANER FORMULA 1

### RATIO:

1 CUP WATER

1 CUP WHITE VINEGAR

1 TEASPOON DAWN DISH SOAP

## SHOWER GLASS CLEANER FORMULA 2

(HEAVY LIME OR SOAP SCUM)

ADD 3 TABLESPOONS LEMON JUICE TO FORMULA 1.

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## HEAVY-DUTY SHOWER GLASS

CALCIUM/LIME CLEANER

SAME AS MULTI-PURPOSE CLEANING PASTE BUT USE 1/2 CUP DISH DETERGENT. LET SIT BEFORE SCRUBBING. ADD TEA TREE OIL IF MOLD IS PRESENT.

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# DIY TILE AND GROUT CLEANERS

## **FORMULA 1 (HEAVY DUTY)**

EQUAL PARTS HYDROGEN PEROXIDE AND  
BAKING SODA (PASTE)

## **FORMULA 2**

1/3 CUP DISH SOAP  
1/3 CUP HYDROGEN PEROXIDE  
1 CUP BAKING SODA  
USE A SQUEEZE BOTTLE FOR APPLICATION.

## **NOTE:**

AVOID BLEACH, AMMONIA, OR VINEGAR ON  
GROUT TO PREVENT DAMAGE.

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# MOLD REMOVERS

## **FORMULA 1**

VINEGAR + A FEW DROPS CLOVE OR TEA TREE OIL

## **FORMULA 2 (TOUGH MOLD)**

HYDROGEN PEROXIDE + CLOVE OR TEA TREE OIL  
TEST FIRST AS THIS MAY BLEACH SURFACES.

# ADDITIONAL DIY CLEANERS

## **BASEBOARD CLEANER**

1 CUP WARM WATER  
2 TABLESPOONS WHITE VINEGAR  
1 TABLESPOON DISH SOAP  
OPTIONAL: PEPPERMINT OIL

SPRAY ON MICROFIBER MOP AND CLEAN  
BASEBOARDS OR WALLS.

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10 DROPS LEMON OIL

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# TIPS FOR BETTER RESULTS

- Always test a small, hidden area before full application.
- Use labeled spray bottles for homemade cleaners.
- Wear gloves and safety glasses when handling stronger mixtures.
- Store ingredients and products in a clean caddy for easy access.
- Use microfiber cloths and sponges suited to the surface to avoid scratches.

## NOTES