

Free printable: DIY Cleaning Products

Effective Home Remedies for a Sparkling Clean Home

Discover 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.
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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.

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
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DIY Kitchen Cleaners

Kitchen Stovetop Cleaner (Multi-Purpose Cleaning Paste)

Same as Multi-Purpose Cleaning Paste above.

Smooth Surface Kitchen Degreaser Formula 1

Ratio:

- 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 Formula 2

Ratio:

- 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

Dusting Spray

- 1 cup warm water
- 10 drops lemon oil

Lightly spray on duster for heavy dust or overhead dusting.

Washing Machine Cleaner

- 1 cup white vinegar
 - 20 drops tea tree or clove 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.

With these DIY cleaning products and essential ingredients, you can keep your home sparkling clean naturally and affordably.