

THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF GREEN CLEANING

INGREDIENT	PURPOSE
Baking Soda	Deodorizer, non-abrasive scouring powder
Beeswax	Floor and furniture wax
Borax	Deodorizer, non-abrasive scouring powder, all-purpose cleaner, mold inhibitor, rust stain remover
Carnauba wax	Wood floor and furniture wax
Citrus fruit like orange, lemon and lime	Grease cutter, deodorizer, flea repellent
Eucalyptus oil	Insect repellent
Favorite essential oils	Air freshening, scenting homemade formulas
Hydrogen peroxide	Bleaching agent and antibacterial
Jojoba oil	Wood polisher
Lavender oil	Disinfectant , deodorizer
Natural vegetable-based liquid soap (such as Dr. Bronner's)	General detergent product substitute
Neem tree oil	Insect repellent
Olive oil	Wood polisher
Washing Soda (sodium carbonate)	Grease- and grime-cutter, wax remover, deodorizer
White Distilled Vinegar	Dissolving hard water mineral scale and greasy build-up, removing tarnish, cleansing wood and glass
Tea Tree Oil	Antibacterial, antifungal, and antiviral agent; deodorizer
Toothpaste	Metal polish

From **Naturally Clean: The Seventh Generation Guide to Safe & Healthy, Non-Toxic Cleaning**

Green Cleaning Resources

Care2Make a Difference: How to Make a Non-Toxic Cleaning Kit:

<http://www.care2.com/greenliving/make-your-own-non-toxic-cleaning-kit.html#>

(Info from Annie Berthold Bond)

Green Cleaning Network: Accelerating the Adoption of Green Cleaning:

<http://www.greencleaningnetwork.org/>

The Healthy House Institute:

http://www.healthyhouseinstitute.com/a_1150-Green_Cleaning_Recipes

EPA Design for Environment Program: identifies green cleaning products

<http://www.epa.gov/dfe/>

Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group – Clean It Guide

<http://www.bacwa.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=HcvjSjbQ5OQ%3d&tabid=71&mid=415>

PlanetGreen.com - How to go Green: Cleaning

<http://planetgreen.discovery.com/home-garden/green-cleaning-guide3.html>

10 Homemade Laundry Detergent Recipes

<http://tipnut.com/10-homemade-laundry-soap-detergent-recipes/>

Homemade Dishwashing Detergent Recipes

<http://tipnut.com/homemade-dishwasher-detergent-recipes/>



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