

Homemade Cleaning Recipes

Wood Floor Cleaner

- 1/2 cup of vinegar
- 1 gallon of water

Be careful not to let wood floors get too wet.

Window Cleaners

- 1/2 cup white vinegar, 1 gallon water (2 tablespoons vinegar to 1 quart water)
- 1/2 cup ammonia, 1 gallon water (2 tablespoons to 1 quart water)
- 1 tablespoon ammonia, 1 tablespoon vinegar, 1 quart water
- 3 tablespoons denatured alcohol to 1 quart water



All-Purpose Cleaner

- Mix 1/2 cup vinegar and 1/2 cup baking soda (or 2 teaspoons borax) into 1/2 gallon (2 liters) water. Store and keep. Use for removal of water deposit stains on shower stall panels, bathroom chrome fixtures, windows, bathroom mirrors, etc.
- 1 tablespoon ammonia, 1 tablespoon detergent, 2 cups water
- 1/2 cup ammonia, 1/3 cup vinegar, 1/4 cup baking soda to 1 gallon warm water

Laundry Detergent

- 1 bar (or 4.5 ounces) of shaved bar soap (a homemade laundry bar, Dr. Bronner's, Ivory®, ZOTE, or Fels-Naptha®)
- 1 cup of borax
- 1 cup of washing soda

Blend the mixture in a blender or food processor to create a powder that will dissolve easily even in cold water. Store in a sealed container with a small scoop. Use 1 tablespoon per load (or 2 to 3 tablespoons for large or heavily soiled loads).

Dry Carpet Shampoo

- 1/2 cup cornstarch, 2 cups baking soda, 4 to 5 crumbled bay leaves, 1 tablespoon ground cloves

Mix and shake into carpet. Let sit for an hour. Vacuum up.

Furniture Polish

- 1 part vegetable oil and 1 part lemon juice
- Apply, rub in and wipe clean.

Upholstery Spot Remover

- Club soda

Prewash Stain Remover

- 1 cup sudsy ammonia, 1 cup Ivory® dish soap, 6 cups water

Daily Shower Spray

- 1/3 cup rubbing alcohol, 1 cup water
- Mix in a spray bottle and shake. Spray on. No rinsing required.

Pet Accidents on Carpet

- 4 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 cups hydrogen peroxide
- 2 tablespoons liquid dish soap
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons baking soda



Mix in 1-quart bottle. Add water to complete the quart – about 2 cups. Spray on spot to neutralize (for odor control) and clean. Follow with plain water. Towel dry.

Laundry Stain Removal

Create a mixture of 1/3 cup water, 1/3 cup liquid detergent, 1/3 cup ammonia.

To use, spray directly on stain and let soak before washing in the washing machine as normal.