



LOOKING FOR GREENER WAYS TO CLEAN?

LAUNDRY POWDER

- 1 bar Castile soap
- 2 cups washing soda
- 15 drops essential oil of your choice

Cut Castile soap bars into small pieces with a sharp knife. Place soap in a food processor with 1/3 of the washing soda. Blend until soap and washing soda are well combined and add the rest of the washing soda. Add essential oil. Mix and store in an airtight container. If you don't have a food processor, grate the soap and mix with the washing soda.

FLOOR CLEANER

- 3 cups warm water
- 3 cups white vinegar
- 5 drops eco washing up liquid
- 10-12 drops essential oil of your choice

Pour all ingredients into a bucket and mix gently to combine. Dip mop into bucket and squeeze out excess water before mopping. Alternatively, pour into a reused spray bottle and spray onto floors before mopping.

If your cleaning cupboard is crammed with chemical sprays and harsh bleaches, you may be due a detox!

If you're ready to ditch the harsh stuff, here are some natural and biodegradable alternatives to get you started.

These recipes have been tried and tested by the Recycle Devon team **but please make sure you test them in your own home before use and always follow the manufacturer's advice.**

MULTI-PURPOSE CLEANING SPRAY

- 1.5 cups of water
- 1/3 cup white vinegar
- Essential oils of your choice
- Spray bottle (reuse an old one when it's empty)

Boil water. When cooled, pour into spray bottle. Add vinegar and 30 drops essential oil to water. Mix gently. To use, spray onto surfaces and wipe off with damp cloth.

WINDOW CLEANER

- 2 cups water
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon eco washing up liquid
- Spray bottle (please reuse an old one when it's empty)

Pour water and vinegar into the bottle. Add a squirt of washing up liquid. Slosh gently to mix. Spray onto windows and wipe off with a dry cloth.

Cut plastic waste and save money with these homemade cleaning products.

With these recipes you can make your own cleaning products to make your home chemical and grime free.



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Please test on small surface areas before use!





EVEN MORE GREENER WAYS TO CLEAN...

MAKE YOUR OWN BLEACH

- Hydrogen peroxide (3% solution)
- Essential oil of your choice

Pour hydrogen peroxide and a few drops of essential oil into a reused spray bottle and spray onto surfaces. Wipe over with a damp cloth. Store hydrogen peroxide in an opaque bottle or in a cool, dark place to extend shelf life.

TOILET CLEANER BOMBS

- 1 cup bicarbonate of soda
- ¼ cup citric acid
- 1 tbsp eco washing up liquid
- Bowl
- Ice cube tray

In a bowl, mix the bicarbonate of soda and citric acid until combined. Add small amounts of the washing up liquid at a time and mix. Press it into the ice cube tray and leave to dry (several hours or overnight). Pop the cubes out and place in a reused lidded jar or container.

MICROWAVE CLEANER

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup white vinegar
- Microwave safe bowl

Combine ingredients in bowl, place in microwave and heat for 7 minutes. Leave to steam for a further 2 minutes. Remove bowl (careful, it will be hot!) and wipe inside of microwave with a clean, dry cloth.

OVEN CLEANER

- ¼ cup bicarbonate of soda
- Water
- Bowl
- Sponge

Add bicarb to the bowl and gradually add enough water to form a paste. Apply paste to grime using sponge and leave for 30 minutes. Use a damp sponge to gently scrub and remove the paste.

CARPET FRESHENER

- 1 cup bicarbonate of soda
- Essential oils of your choice
- Reused lidded container or jar

Pour bicarb into a container, add 10-20 drops of essential oil and mix. Put the lid on and leave overnight. To use, sprinkle onto carpets and leave for a couple of hours (or longer) then vacuum as normal.

