

# ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

## Green Tip: DIY Cleaning Products

Do you want a clean house, without using toxic chemicals, all while saving money? Did you know that you can make your own non-toxic cleaners at home? Here are some do-it-yourself tips for green cleaning.

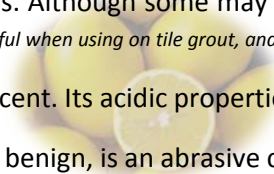
### DID YOU KNOW THAT...



**White Vinegar** is a versatile cleaning product. Its mildly acidic qualities help break down dirt and grime, and kill bacteria, mold, and germs. Although some may not care for vinegar's scent, it disappears when it dries and is non-toxic. *\*Note: Be careful when using on tile grout, and never use it on marble or other porous stone surfaces.*

**Lemon** is more than just a fresh scent. Its acidic properties help cut through grease and grime.

**Baking Soda**, although seemingly benign, is an abrasive cleaner and an odor fighter.



### TRY CLEANING WITH THESE SIMPLE RECIPES...

**Scouring Cleanser:** Combine 1/4 cup baking soda with 1 tablespoon liquid detergent. Add just enough white distilled vinegar to give it a thick but creamy texture.

**General Purpose Cleaner and Disinfectant:** Fill a spray bottle with one part white vinegar to one part water (1:1). Spray on surface and wipe clean with a damp cloth.

**Window Cleaner:** Fill a spray bottle with 1/8 cup white vinegar and 1 cup water.

**Clean and Disinfect Baby Toys:** Add a good-sized splash of white distilled vinegar to soapy water.

### WANT MORE INFORMATION...

For more do-it-yourself recipes check out:

- [Vinegar Tips](#)
- [Our Top Green Cleaners Already In Your Pantry](#)



*Lastly, think before you pour. When toxic chemicals go down the drain in Santa Rosa they end up at the Laguna Treatment Plant— they do not go away. Because our treatment facility is not designed to remove toxic chemicals (like those found in many household cleaners) the City seeks your help and support to keep them out. By doing so, you can help us protect our waterways, fish, and environment.*

Try these



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