

Keep Our Water Clean ...

Avoid using household products with hazardous ingredients. When possible buy 'green' products that are less toxic, or non-toxic. Better yet, make your own household cleaners!

Scouring powder: Baking soda

Stain remover: Cornstarch paste

Surface cleaner: Vinegar and salt mixture

Tile cleaner: Baking soda

Mothballs: Cedar chips

Toilet bowl cleaner: Baking soda or borax

Disinfectant: Ammonia

Grease remover: Baking soda

Air freshener: A small bowl of lemon juice or vinegar set out in a warm place.

All-purpose cleaner: To one quart of warm water add 1 teaspoon of liquid soap, 1 teaspoon of borax, and 1/4 cup of vinegar.

Carpet deodorizer: Sprinkle the carpet with a mixture of 1 cup of borax and 2 cups of baking soda. Let stand at least an hour before vacuuming.

Drain cleaner: Use the plunger followed by a handful of baking soda and 1/2 cup of vinegar. Cover and allow it to sit for 15 minutes. Pour in 2 quarts of boiling hot water.

Floor cleaner: Mop the floors with a solution of 1 cup of vinegar to 2 gallons of warm water.

Furniture polish: On unfinished surfaces use natural oils such as almond oil, or olive oil. On finished surfaces, dust with a damp cloth and wipe dry.

Glass/window cleaner: Use a solution of 2 tablespoons of vinegar (or 2 tablespoons of lemon juice) to 1 quart of warm water, OR 1 cup of ammonia, 1 cup alcohol & 1 cup distilled water.

Mildew remover: Vinegar solution

Oven cleaner: Put salt on fresh spills and then scrape when the oven is cool. Ammonia can be applied to tough stains.

Pest control: Use chili powder to keep ants out of your kitchen.

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