

DIY Natural Cleaning Products/ Insect Repellents



All Purpose Cleaner

1/4 cup vinegar
2 teaspoons borax
3 1/2 cups hot water
20 drops lemon juice
1/4 cup liquid dish soap
Mix and store in a spray bottle.

Dishwasher Detergent

1 cup washing soda
1 cup baking soda
1 package unsweetened lemonade drink mix (or citric acid)*
1 cup kosher salt
Mix and store in an airtight container. For a regular load, use 1 tablespoon. For a heavier load, use 2 tablespoons.
**Used to help soften hard water, balance pH levels, and enhance the cleaning power of the detergent by breaking down mineral deposits.*

Toilet Bowl Cleaner

1/2 cup baking soda
1/4 cup liquid Castile soap
10 drops essential oil
1/4 cup white vinegar
1 cup hot water
Mix and use in a spray bottle.

Room Deodorizer

Fill a small bowl with a mixture of equal parts white vinegar and water. Add a couple of tablespoons of salt and place the bowl in the area you want to deodorize, allowing the mixture to evaporate and absorb odors naturally.
How it works: the vinegar acts as the odor neutralizer, while the salt can absorb smells.

Fabric Softener

Mix 2 cups Epsom Salt or sea salt and 20-30 drops essential oil. Add 1/2 cup baking soda. Mix and store. Use 1-2 tablespoon per load.

Laundry Stain Remover

1 tablespoon Blue Dawn
4 tablespoons hydrogen peroxide
2 tablespoons baking soda
Mix together. Gently run into stain with a soft toothbrush; then let it sit for awhile. Rinse water through it; repeat if necessary. Put through laundry.

Window Cleaner

Mix equal parts white vinegar and water. Spray on window and wipe with a lint-free cloth.

Yard Spray for Mosquitos

3 cans of stale beer
1 bottle of mint mouthwash
2 cups Epsom salts
Mix and spray on your yard. It should help control mosquitos for up to 80 days.

Ticks

Ticks hate the smell of lemon, orange, cinnamon, lavender, peppermint and rose geranium, so they avoid latching onto anything that smells of those items. Any of these or a combination of them can be used in DIY sprays or added to almond oil and rubbed on exposed skin.