

# 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.