

Environmentally Gentle Cleaning Solutions and Priceless Tips

General household cleaning (woodwork, walls, windows, etc.)

To 6 qts. Water (about 1/2 bucket), add
3 T. washing soda
1/2 C. ammonia
1/2 C. vinegar

Carpet- spot removal

1 t. neutral detergent
1 qt. warm water
1 t. white vinegar

Blot up as much of the spill as possible. Apply cleaning solution and work from outer edge of stain toward center. Blot up excess solution.

Toilet bowls

Put 1/2 C vinegar in toilet bowl, leave overnight, then swish around in the morning and flush!

Stopped-up sink drains

1/2 C baking soda
1/2 C vinegar
Cover for 1 minute

Windows and mirrors (also for coffee makers or other hard water marks)

1/2 C ammonia
1/8 C vinegar
1 qt. warm water

Fill a spray bottle with this solution and use it with crumbled newspaper to shine windows and mirrors.

Decals

Hot vinegar removes decals

Unwanted odors (fish, paint, smoke, mustiness)

Simmer some vinegar or place bowls of vinegar out of sight to remove the offending odor

Burned food

Boil vinegar in the pot. Remove from heat and let stand 1 hour. Wash with soap & water.

