

GREEN CLEANING, CONTINUED

VINEGAR

Running vinegar through a coffee pot will clean it easily. Remember to run clear water through after the vinegar cycle.

Adding 1 cup of vinegar to the rinse cycle will brighten dark colors.

Vinegar and baking soda will keep the drain and toilet bowl clean. Pour 1 cup of baking soda followed by ½ cup vinegar, wait, then rinse with hot water.

For a clean, spotless rinse for dishes, add 1 or 2 tbsp. of vinegar to dish water. It also helps to cut grease.

Clean brass and copper using vinegar and lemon juice or vinegar and salt, if an abrasive is needed.

Remove soap build-up from shower curtains by cleaning it with a sponge saturated in vinegar. This will also help kill mold and mildew.

Scrub the butcher block with vinegar. Rinse well.

Wash floors with 1 cup of vinegar added to a pail of water.

Carpet stains can be removed by mixing vinegar with water. Rub with sponge, then rinse well.

Add vinegar to the rinse water to help soften fabric and control static cling and lint.

Remove berry stains by soaking in vinegar.

A solution of half vinegar and half water, when applied with a piece of terry cloth, will remove fingerprints and other smears from appliances.

Clean and shine plant leaves of large house plants with a solution of ¼ cup white vinegar to 1 gallon cool water. Apply with a soft cotton cloth.

Pour vinegar on unwanted grass growing between cracks.



BAKING SODA

Freshen up by placing baking soda in an open container in small areas, such as the refrigerator, closets, etc.

Sprinkle baking soda on the carpet to help control odors. Wait several hours or overnight. Vacuum as usual.

Baking soda and scouring pads will clean an oven without the strong fumes of commercial cleaners.

Baking soda may be used as a scouring powder for sinks, counter tops, etc.

Control cat litter box odor by sprinkling baking soda in the box.

Create spray air freshener by combining 2 tsp. of baking soda and 2 tsp. lemon juice with 2 cups of hot water. Dissolve and use in a spray bottle.

Control garbage odors by adding a sprinkle of baking soda to the trash container every time you add garbage.

Clean and deodorize the microwave with a paste of baking soda and water. Wash and rinse. Then, to control odors, keep a box of baking soda inside between uses.

Baking soda and water makes a cleaning paste for stainless steel and helps rub away heel or skid marks.

Odors can be removed from clothes by soaking overnight in the rinse cycle with a box of dissolved baking soda.

Use baking soda to clean baby's things, such as toys, high chair, changing table, etc. Apply to damp sponge, wipe and rinse.

Use baking soda and water to wash off vinyl furniture and car seats.

Baking soda should be kept handy near the grill or stove; it will quickly extinguish flare-ups or sparks.

Keep a box of baking soda in the cooler between uses to help eliminate odors; especially helps during the winter "down" time.