EASY AND SAFE CLEANING PRODUCTS
for the home

- **Baking soda and Borax** – Cleans and deodorizes, also good scouring powders.
- **Plain soap without fragrances or antibacterials** – Safer, easy cleaner. Castile soap is a good liquid soap option.
- **White vinegar or lemon juice** – Cuts grease and smells fresh.
- **Hydrogen peroxide (3% solution)** – Works like a disinfectant.
- **Good scrub brush** or green scrubbing pad.
- **Microfiber Cloth**

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| **All-Purpose Cleaner** | • Mix liquid soap and water (soapy water).  
  • Mix liquid soap with 1 tbs. of baking soda, then add lemon juice and water.  
  • Fill a spray bottle with ½ part vinegar and ½ part water, add some lemon juice for fresh scent. |
| **Bathroom: sink, tub & tile** | • Dilute 2-3 tbsp. of liquid soap or castile soap in water and clean with a good scrub brush.  
  • Bon Ami is a great scouring powder.  
  • Mix ½ cup baking soda with diluted soap.  
  • Hydrogen peroxide (3% solution) mixed with Castile soap and baking soda. |
| **Window, glass and mirror** | • Indoors: Use a little warm water on some newspaper or a rag, and wipe.  
  • Outdoors: Use liquid soap and warm water and wipe with a sponge. |
| **Toilet Bowl** | • Pour ¼ cup baking soda into a bowl and sprinkle with vinegar. Let sit for ½ hour, then brush.  
  • Mix ½ cup Borax with 1 gallon of warm water. Works like a disinfectant and stain remover. |

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**Kitchen: countertop, floor & appliances** | - Soapy water or soapy water mixed with vinegar.  
- Fill a spray bottle with ½ part vinegar and ½ part water.  
**Mold and Mildew Remover** | - Soapy water.  
- Let vinegar sit on mold, then clean with soapy water.  
- Mix liquid soap, baking soda and 2 capfuls of hydrogen peroxide (3%)  
**Oven Cleaner** | - Bon Ami is an effective, safer option.  
- Make a paste with ¼ cup baking soda, 2 tbsp. salt and hot water. Let paste sit for 5 minutes and then use a good scrub brush.  
**Wood Furniture Polish** | - Mix 2 parts vegetable oil to one part lemon juice. Rub mixture in and let stand. Polish with a soft cloth.  
**Air Freshener** | - Keep home and closets clean and well-ventilated.  
- Simmer water with cinnamon sticks, orange peel or cloves.  
- Sprinkle baking soda in bottom of trashcan.  
- Insert cloves into whole orange.  
- Place bowl of baking soda in refrigerator or around the house.  
**Drain Cleaner** | - Pour ¼ cup baking soda into drain, followed by ½ cup vinegar. After 15 minutes, pour boiling water down the drain (2 quarts).  
**Hand Soap** | - Plain soap, free of scents and dye color.