**All-Purpose Cleaner**

Suggested uses: Hard surfaces like countertops and kitchen floors, windows and mirrors.

- 2 cups white distilled vinegar
- 2 cups water
- 20-30 or more drops essential oil (optional)

Warming in microwave until barely hot will boost cleaning power for tough jobs. Only microwave in a glass container.

Tip:

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**Creamy Soft Scrub**

Suggested uses: Kitchen countertops, stoves, bathroom sinks, etc.

- 2 cups baking soda
- 1/2 cup liquid castile soap
- 4 teaspoons vegetable glycerin (preservative)
- 5 or more drops essential oil (optional - try tea tree, rosemary or lavender)

Mix together and store in a sealed glass jar: shelf life of 2 years.

Tip:

For exceptionally tough jobs, spray with vinegar first -- full strength or diluted. Let sit and follow with scrub.

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**Drain Opener**

- 1/2 cup baking soda
- 1/2 cup vinegar

Pour baking soda down the drain and follow with vinegar. Cover and let sit for at least 30 minutes. Flush with boiling water.

Tip:

Prevent your shower from clogging by using a drain trap to catch water.

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**Furniture Polish**

1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup white distilled vinegar
20-30 drops lemon essential oil or
2 teaspoons lemon juice (optional)

Shake well before using

Dip a clean, dry cloth into the polish and rub wood in the direction of the grain. Use a soft brush to work the polish into corners or tight places.

**Laundry Detergent**

1 cup soap flakes
1/2 cup washing soda
1/2 cup baking soda
1-2 tablespoons powdered oxygen bleach

Make soap flakes by grating your favorite pure vegetable soap with a cheese grater. Mix ingredients together and store in a glass container. Use 1 tablespoon per load (2 for heavily soiled laundry), wash in warm or cold water. For soft water: use 1 cup soap flakes, 1/4 cup washing soda and 1/2 cup baking soda. For hard water: use 1 cup soap flakes, 1 cup washing soda, and 1 cup baking soda.

(For whites, use hydrogen peroxide instead of bleach. Soak your clothes for 30 minutes in the washer with 1/2 cup 20% peroxide, then launder as usual.)

**Toilet Bowl Cleaner**

Sprinkle toilet bowl with baking soda, drizzle with white distilled vinegar, let soak for at least 30 minutes and scrub with toilet brush.