



**Household Hazardous Waste** is any unwanted or spent household product that can catch fire easily (flammable), eat away at or irritate living tissue (corrosive), react violently with water or other chemicals (reactive), or is poisonous to humans and animals (toxic).

Usable household products may exhibit hazardous properties but until they become a waste they are not appropriate for the mobile household hazardous waste program.

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**GREEN CLEANING SOLUTIONS**



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## Do It Yourself Green Cleaning Solutions

- **Tea or Coffee Stains:** Immediately pour boiling water over the stain until it is gone, or if it is already set, scrub with a paste of Borax and water then wash immediately.
- **Tomato Based Stains:** Treat with White Vinegar directly on the stain and wash immediately.
- **Wine or Red Dyes Stain:** Use a mix of 50/50 Hydrogen Peroxide and water and soak.
- **Cutting Boards:** Use a Lemon, cut it in half, run it over the surfaces, let sit for ten minutes, and then rinse away. If you need serious scrubbing power, sprinkle some coarse or Kosher Salt over the board, and the rub with a ½ a Lemon.
- **Garbage Disposal Deodorizer:** Cut up Oranges, Lemons, or pour Baking Soda. Put in disposal, turn it on and rinse.
- **Can Opener Blades:** Clean off the blades of a well-worn can opener with an old toothbrush soaked with full strength Vinegar to help remove dirt and grease.
- **Lime Deposits:** Soak paper towels in Vinegar and leave on deposits for one hour. Soak shower heads in Vinegar. Squeeze Lemon juice onto bathroom fixtures affected areas and let it sit for several minutes before wiping with a wet cloth

- **Stubborn caked-on food:** Combine Baking Soda with Hydrogen Peroxide to form a paste, rub the paste onto the problematic spot. Let it sit for a few minutes, and then come back and scrub it away with warm water.
- **Microwave:** Pour Vinegar into a small cup and mix in a little Lemon Juice (exact amounts don't really matter). Put the cup in the microwave, let the microwave run for 2 minutes, and leave the door closed for several more minutes. Finally, open the door and wipe down all the sides with a warm cloth or sponge—no scrubbing required.
- **Refrigerator Cleaner:** Add about ½ cup of Baking Soda to a bucket of hot water. Dip a clean rag in the mixture and use to wipe down the refrigerator's insides.
- **Grease and Oil Stains:** Sprinkle the stain with dry Baking Soda to remove any loose oil or grease and brush off. Then, soak in undiluted White Vinegar for 15 minutes, rinse and scrub with liquid dish soap before washing.
- **Mold and Mildew:** Use White Vinegar or Lemon Juice full strength. Apply with a sponge or scrubby allow 30 minutes to set.

- **For Ink or Paint Stains:** Soak in Rubbing Alcohol for 30 minutes or spray hair spray on it and wash out.
- **Rust Remover:** Sprinkle a little salt on rust, squeeze a Lime over the salt until it is well soaked. Leave the mixture for 2-3 hours. Use leftover rind to scrub residue
- **Windows and Mirrors:** For an all-purpose window cleaner, combine 1 part White Vinegar with 4 parts water, then use a sponge or rag to scrub away.
- **Grill Cleaning-** Ball up a piece of Aluminum Foil and use to scrub clean a dirty grill
- **Clean Chrome and Stainless Steel:** Apply light misting of undiluted Vinegar from a recycled spray bottle. Buff with a soft cloth to bring out the brightness.
- **Clogged Drain:** Pour a cup of Baking Soda into the opening of your clogged drain and then add a cup of hot Vinegar. After a few minutes, flush the drain with a quart of boiling water.

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