

Alternative Cleaning Solutions

Instead of this:	Use this:
Ammonia Based Cleaners	Vinegar and Water
Abrasive Cleaners	Rub area with ½ lemon dipped in borax, then rinse
Floor/Furniture Polish	1 part lemon juice, 2 parts lemon or vegetable oil
Silver Polish	Soak in boiling water with baking soda, salt and a piece of aluminum
Toilet Cleaner	Baking soda and a toilet brush
Disinfectants	½ cup borax in 1 gallon of water
Drain Cleaners	Plunger, flush with boiling water, ¼ cup baking soda, ¼ cup vinegar
Rug/Upholstery Cleaners	Dry cornstarch, sprinkle on, vacuum clean
Mothballs	Cedar chips, newspapers, lavender flowers
Enamel/Oil-based Paints	Latex or water based paints
House Plant Insecticide	Old dishwater or bar soap and water, spray on leaves, then rinse
Flea & Tick Collar/Sprays	Gradually add Brewer's Yeast and garlic to pet's diet
Roach Killer	Baking soda and powdered sugar mix
Ant Killer	Chili powder to hinder entrance, Borax
Window Cleaner	Plain cold unsweetened tea or white vinegar in a spray bottle

To keep dogs from urinating in an area, sprinkle the area with chili powder.

Here is a recipe for an all-purpose household cleaner:

- ½ cup Borax
- 2 cups Boiling Water
- ½ tsp Dishwater detergent
- 2 cups Cold water
- 1¼ Tbsp Ammonia

Put Borax into mixing bowl, stir in boiling water. When the Borax has dissolved and the water is clear, gently stir in the dishwashing detergent. Add cold water, then ammonia. Pour this concentrate into a quart size container.

To use: Walls, floors: 1 c. to 7 c warm water. Spray: Full Strength. Or use Citra Solve brand cleaner.