

Household Cleaning Recipes

Spray Disinfectant Cleaner

½ cup borax

1 gallon hot water

Dissolve borax in hot water. Wipe down areas to be disinfected.

Abrasive Cleaner

Sprinkle baking soda or borax, add juice of ½ lemon and scrub.

Brass/Copper Tarnish Remover

Salt

Flour

White vinegar

Mix together equal parts salt and flour, then add white vinegar to make a paste. Rub into the stain. Repeat if necessary.

Metal Cleaner

Fresh squeezed juice of 2 lemons

a cup baking soda

1 teaspoon fine salt

6 tablespoons clay powder

Mix all ingredients together until pasty. Add water or more clay if needed. Rub paste onto metal with extremely fine steel wool and allow to sit for fifteen minutes. Wash off with a sponge and clear water. Polish metal with a soft cloth. Do not use on aluminum.

Silver Polish

Rub with paste of baking soda and water.

Glassware/Crystal Spot Removal

Dip spotted glassware into water to which a splash of vinegar has been added, dry with lint-free dishcloth.

Dishwasher Detergent

2 tablespoons baking soda

2 tablespoons borax

Mix baking soda and borax and put mixture in dishwasher.

Window Cleaner

Option 1:

Juice from one fresh lemon

2 cups water or club soda

½ teaspoon peppermint essential oil (optional)

1 teaspoon cornstarch

Mix all ingredients and pour into plastic spray bottle. Shake well.

Option 2:

8 parts water

1 part vinegar

Mix ingredients, scrub and wipe with newspaper.

