Green Cleaning Recipes

**ALL-PURPOSE GENERAL CLEANER:**

Mix together:
1 tsp. liquid soap (Castile, peppermint)
1 tsp. borax
Squeeze of lemon
1 qt. warm water

OR

¼ c. baking soda
½ c. borax
½ c. vinegar
1 gal. water

For surfaces that need scouring, try moist salt or baking soda and a green scouring pad.

**DISINFECTANT:**

Mix together:
¼ c. borax
½ gal. hot water

**CARPETS AND RUGS:**

Sprinkle corn meal, baking soda or cornstarch on dry rugs and vacuum. Use club soda or soap-based rug shampoo.

**WINDOW CLEANER:**

Mix together:
2 tsp. vinegar + 1 qt. warm water

OR

2 tbsp. borax + 3 c. water

Rub dry with newspaper to avoid streaking.

**DRAIN CLEANER:**

Mix together:
½ c. borax in drain followed by
2 c. boiling water

OR

¼ c baking soda down the drain, followed by
½ c. vinegar
Cover drain and let sit for 15 minutes. Follow with 2 qts. boiling water.

OR

Use a plumber's "snake" and boiling water.
HARDWOOD FLOORS:
Mix together:
½ c. white vinegar
1 gal warm water
(Polishing with skim milk after floor is dry will make the floor glow)

TOB, TILE AND BASIN:
Mix together:
½ c. baking soda
2-3 tbsp. liquid soap (Castile, peppermint)

OVEN CLEANER:
Mix together:
¼ c. baking soda + 2 tbsp. salt
Hot water, as needed to make a paste.
Let paste sit for 5 minutes.
Caution: Keep off wires/heating elements.
OR
2 tbsp. liquid soap (Castile, peppermint)
2 tsp. borax + 1 qt. warm water
Spray on oven and wait 20 minutes, then clean. For tough stains, scrub with very fine steel wool and baking soda.

TOILET BOWLS:
Pour:
¼ c. baking soda
into bowl and drizzle with vinegar.
Let sit for ½ hour.
Scrub and flush.

MOLD & MILDEW REMOVER:
Dissolve together:
½ c. vinegar
½ c. borax in warm water.
Apply with sponge or spray bottle.

YOUR NOTES: