

MIX IT YOURSELF

Mix It Yourself Cleaning Kit

Supplies

Spray bottle #1—All Purpose Cleaner

Spray bottle #2—Glass Cleaner

Shallow container for mixing pastes

Shaker for baking soda

Sponges, cloths, net scrubber

Ingredients

Baking Soda

White Vinegar

Liquid Detergent

Salt

Mineral Oil

Lemon Juice

Useful Items

Pail

Scrub brush

Measuring cups

Newspapers

Table knife

Toothbrush

Rubber gloves

Labels & Pen

More Ideas

- **Furniture Polish**—Mix 3 Tablespoons mineral oil with 1 Tablespoon olive oil. Add a drop of lemon juice.
- **Lime and Mineral Deposit Remover**—Soak cloth in vinegar. Apply cloth to lime deposits. Leave for about 1 hour. The deposits will soften and can be removed easily.
- **Metal Polish**—Mix 1/2 teaspoon salt with 1/2 cup vinegar. Add enough flour to make a thick paste. Apply paste and let set for 15 to 30 minutes. Rinse well and dry.

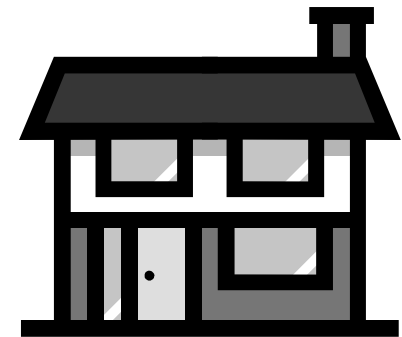


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Mix It Yourself Cleaners for the Home

All Purpose Cleaner

4 Tablespoons Baking Soda
1 quart warm water

Dissolve baking soda and pour in pump spray bottle. Spray, wipe with sponge. Rinse with clear water.

Use to clean and deodorize:



- Kitchen surfaces
- Bathroom surfaces
- Chromium plated fixtures and faucets
- Refrigerator
- Freezer

Strength can be increased by adding more baking soda to the solution.

FLOOR CLEANER

1/4 cup white vinegar
1/4 cup baking soda
1 gallon warm water
Mop, rinse and dry.

TOILET BOWL CLEANER

Sprinkle baking soda into bowl, then drizzle with vinegar and scrub with a toilet brush.

GLASS CLEANER

Combine 1 quart water with 1/4 cup white vinegar. Spray on and wipe off with old newspapers.

DRAIN OPENER

Add 1/2 cup baking soda and 1/2 cup vinegar to the drain. Cover tightly and let sit for 15 minutes. Pour 2 quarts boiling water down the drain. If it is a severe clog, follow with a plunger.



Baking soda does not harm septic tanks, drainage systems or ground water.

MORE USES FOR BAKING SODA

Baking Soda (Sodium Bicarbonate) is a mild crystal that gently lifts dirt off many surfaces. Its unique pH makes it effective at neutralizing household odors. Create the right mix for the proper use.

Paste—Mix equal parts baking soda and warm water.

- Polish silverware
- Webbing of lawn furniture
- Fiberglass tubs
- Car trim, bumpers, hub caps

Sprinkling—apply directly onto damp sponge or surface.

- Stainless steel sinks
- Scuff marks on floors
- Crayon marks on walls
- Clothes hamper