

# 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.

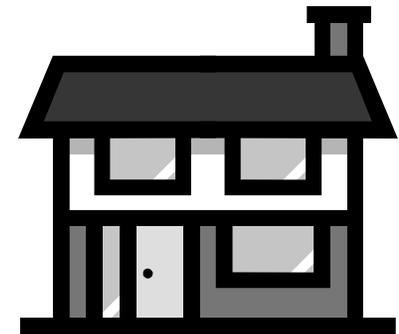


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# Mix It Yourself Cleaners for the Home

## 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