

# 10 Natural Cleaning Recipes

This collection of easy green cleaning recipes shows how everyday ingredients (salt, vinegar, vodka!) can make all your surfaces sparkle.

## Essential-Oil Cleanser

(All-purpose except for glass)



3/4 cup water



1/4 cup rubbing alcohol



5 to 10 drops peppermint, lemon, or orange essential oil



1 squirt natural dish soap

**DIRECTIONS** Pour all the ingredients into a 16-ounce spray bottle and shake well. Spray onto the surface and wipe with a microfiber cloth. *Recipe by Melissa Maker.*

## Fresh Lemon Degreaser

(All-Purpose except for wood)



2 cups water



2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice



1/2 teaspoon Dr. Bronner's Castile Soap



1 tablespoon baking soda

**DIRECTIONS** Pour all the ingredients into a 24-ounce spray bottle and shake well. Spritz onto the surface and wipe with a microfiber cloth. *Recipe by Linda Cobb.*

## Vinegar-And-Vodka Disinfectant

(All-purpose)



1/2 cup white vinegar



1/2 cup vodka



10 drops lemon essential oil



10 drops lavender essential oil



1 1/2 cups water

**DIRECTIONS** Pour all the ingredients into a 24-ounce spray bottle and shake well. Spray all the surfaces and let sit for 10 minutes. Wipe clean with a microfiber cloth. *Recipe by Becky Rapinchuk.*

## Glass Cleaner



2 cups water



2 tablespoons white vinegar



2 tablespoons rubbing alcohol



5 drops peppermint essential oil

**DIRECTIONS** Pour all the ingredients into a 24-ounce spray bottle and give it a little shake to combine. Spray onto a microfiber cloth and apply to the surface. *Recipe by Becky Rapinchuk.*

## Chrome Cleaner



2 cups water



1/2 teaspoon Dr. Bronner's Castile Soap



3 tablespoons white vinegar

**DIRECTIONS** Pour the ingredients into a 24-ounce spray bottle and shake well to combine. Spray onto the surface. Let sit for 10 minutes. Wipe with damp cloth and buff with a dry cloth. *Recipe by Linda Cobb.*

## Heavy-Duty Kitchen Scrub



1/4 cup natural dish soap



1/4 cup baking soda



5 drops clove essential oil



About 3 drops of water

**DIRECTIONS** Mix all the ingredients in a bowl. Apply to the surface using the gritty side of a double-sided kitchen sponge; scrub. Wipe up with a wet cloth. *Recipe by Melissa Maker.*

## Sink Scrub



2 cups baking soda



10 drops clove essential oil



10 drops lemon essential oil



1 squirt Dr. Bronner's Castile soap



A few drops of water

**DIRECTIONS** Mix the baking soda with the essential oils using a butter knife. Store in an airtight container. Sprinkle the mixture over the sink surface, then add a squirt of soap and a few drops of water. Scrub with a nylon-bristle brush. Rinse thoroughly. *Recipe by Becky Rapinchuk.*

## Shower Cleaner



1/4 cup baking soda



1 cup water

**DIRECTIONS** Mix the ingredients in a microwave-safe bowl and heat for 30 to 60 seconds. Pour into a 24-ounce spray bottle. Spritz onto the shower surfaces and let sit for 3 to 5 minutes. Wipe clean with a microfiber cloth. *Recipe by Debra Johnson.*

## Mold And Mildew Remover



2 cups water



2 teaspoons tea-tree oil



1/4 cup baking soda

**DIRECTIONS** Pour the water and tea-tree oil into a 24-ounce spray bottle and shake well. Heavily spray moldy areas with the solution and let sit for 24 hours. Once the time is up, pour 1/4 cup baking soda into a small bowl and gradually spritz it with the solution until a glue-like paste forms. Apply to the moldy surface using a clean toothbrush and scrub. Rinse. *Recipe by Linda Cobb.*

## Hardwood-Floor Cleaner



1/2 cup white vinegar



1 gallon warm water



2 to 3 drops lemon essential oil

**DIRECTIONS** Mix all the ingredients in a 2-gallon bucket. Dip the mop head in the bucket and wring it out well so that it's barely damp. Apply to floors and repeat. *Recipe by Becky Rapinchuk.*