

Substitute Cleaners

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Substitute cleaners can be made effectively if you match the cleaners to the type of soil.

SAFETY CAUTIONS

- Do NOT mix chlorine and ammonia.
- Do NOT mix chlorine and toilet bowl cleaners.
- No "food" container should be used for storing cleaning products.

WINDOW CLEANER: Spray one of the following solutions on windows or apply with a sponge. Wipe with crumpled newspaper for a lintless polishing cloth.

- 1 quart warm water
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar and/or 1 tablespoon household ammonia

(Window cleaner similar to Windex®)

- 1/3 cup rubbing alcohol
- 2/3 cup water
- few drops of bluing

GENERAL CLEANER: Use to clean countertops, sinks, bathroom fixtures, walls and any other washable items.

- 2 tablespoons household ammonia
- 2 tablespoons liquid detergent
- 1 quart water

WALL CLEANER: Use mild soap and water to clean washable walls. For non-washable wallpaper or paint, try this dry cleaner:

- 1-1/4 cups water
- 2-1/2 tablespoons household ammonia
- 2 cups flour
- 4 teaspoons baking soda

Mix water and ammonia add flour and baking soda and beat until smooth. Cook slowly in double boiler for 1-1/2 hours. Cool. Knead mixture till smooth. Take a handful of dough and rub the wall in gentle, overlapping strokes.

FURNITURE POLISH:

- 1 quart hot water
- 1 tablespoon turpentine
- 2 tablespoons boiled linseed oil

CHROME POLISH: Use dry baking soda on a dry cloth.

CLEANING SILVER BY ELECTROLYSIS: Line pan with aluminum foil. Fill with solution:

- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 1 quart water

Bring water to boil, turn off heat, add silver and soak.

SILVER POLISH: Dissolve 1/4-pound neutral soap (Ivory, Swan, or toilet soap) in 1 quart of water. Melts faster if water is hot and soap has been shaved. Cool. Add enough whiting to make a thick paste. If perfume is desired, add a few oil of wintergreen drops.

COMMON SOIL REMOVERS: Vinegar for hard water or saltwater deposits, alcohol or kerosene for greasy and gummy soil and ammonia for heavy and greasy soil.

VASES & GLASS UTENSILS which have become cloudy and discolored from flowers or hard water can be cleaned by filling them with a hot water and vinegar solution. Allow the solution to stand in the utensil until it cools. Wash and rinse. Light rubbing with steel wool will take care of the more persistent hard water spots.

CLEANING THE STEAM IRON: Pour this solution into the iron and set heat to steam setting. Let steam until solution is gone. Rinse. Use distilled water to avoid clogging.

- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- 1 cup water

CLEANING SHOWER CURTAINS: Remove curtain from rod and place in the bath tub. Soak in solution of 1 cup vinegar to each gallon of water.

To remove mildew: soak in solution of 1 cup bleach to each gallon of water.

CLEANING THE REFRIGERATOR: Use baking soda and water. It will not harm the surface finish and will deodorize as well as clean.

MARKS ON FLOORS AND WALLS: Black heel marks and crayon marks can easily be removed by rubbing with baking soda and a damp cloth. Baking soda will not remove the paint or floor finish beneath the mark.

PAINT: Equal parts of ammonia and turpentine will remove even dried paint from clothes.

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