



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Safer Alternatives

Hazardous Household Product	Safer Alternatives
Aerosols	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use non-aerosol products• Deodorants - rolls-ons, creams, sticks• Cooking sprays - cooking oils• Shaving cream - brush and shaving soap• Hair sprays - setting lotions, gels, pump sprays• Cleaners - pump sprays
Air Freshener	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leave open box of baking soda in room• Set out dish of vinegar• Add cloves, cinnamon, vanilla to boiling water, simmer for 5 minutes• Use herbs or potpourri
All-Purpose Cleaner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mix 1 quart warm water, 1 teaspoon liquid soap, lemon juice and/or vinegar; make stronger according to the job• Baking soda with water
Ant Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pour a line of cream of tartar at place where ants enter house• Sprinkle red chili, paprika or dried peppermint where ants enter• Caulk or weather strip entry points
Carpet Cleaner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use soap-based, non-aerosols cleaners• Clean stains immediately with club soda

Carpet Cleaner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sprinkle cornstarch and vacuum • Rub dry baking soda into grease • Combine equal parts vinegar & water to remove winter salt residue
Chlorine Bleach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use safer & less destructive dry bleach to whiten
Disinfectant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use ½ cup borax in 1 gallon water
Drain Opener	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plunger or mechanical snake • Handful of baking soda and ½ cup vinegar, followed by boiling water • Use enzymatic biological drain cleaner • To prevent clogging, flush drain weekly with boiling water • To prevent clogging, use a strainer to keep hair, lint, etc. out of the drain
Fabric Softener	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rinse cotton & wool blankets with 2 cups white vinegar added to washer
Floor Cleaner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mop with 1 cup white vinegar with 2 gallons water • Polish with club soda
Furniture Polish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wipe with mixture of 1 teaspoon lemon oil in 1 pint mineral or vegetable oil • Try 3 parts olive oil, 1 part vinegar • Try 1 part lemon juice, 2 parts vegetable oil
Glue/Decal Remover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soak in white vinegar
Grout Cleaner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a toothbrush with either undiluted vinegar, 3 parts baking soda with one part water, toothpaste or denture cream
Hair Colors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use plant-derived rinses
Insecticides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select pest-resistant plants • Plant garlic cloves at 1-foot intervals in gardens

Insecticides	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use traps or spray soaps• Blend 6 cloves crushed garlic, 1 minced onion, 1 tablespoon dried hot pepper, and 1 teaspoon pure soap in 1 gallon hot water; let sit 1-2 days; strain; spray on plants
Insect Repellants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't wear scented colognes, shaving lotions, or shampoos when outdoors• Use chamomile tea as a lotion• Burn citronella candles, punk, or mosquito coils
Metal Polish Metal Polish	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brass - Worcestershire sauce• Chrome - Apple cider vinegar or baking soda and soft cloth• Copper - Vinegar and salt; or lemon and salt• Pewter - Rub with fine steel wool dipped in olive oil, wash in soapy water and dry; or polish with cabbage leaves• Silver - Soak in 1 quart warm water with 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon salt, and piece of aluminum foil; or rub with ammonia and soft cloth; or soak in buttermilk or sour milk overnight• Stainless steel - Wash with 1 quart warm water and 3 tablespoons baking soda; rinse with hot water
Mildew/Soap Scum Remover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Try 1/4 cup baking soda, 1/2 cup vinegar and warm water
Moth Balls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Try one of the following - cedar chips, lavender flowers, rosemary, mint, white peppercorns, cloves, dried lemon peels• Keep garment clean - wrap in linen or seal in paper or cardboard boxes
Oven Cleaner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wipe up the oven spill as soon as possible• Catch spills under baking pan with a baking sheet• Sprinkle salt and baking soda on a spill while the oven is still warm. Scour with steel wool and baking soda for baked on grease, wipe with ammonia, let sit overnight; then scrub with baking soda

Scouring Powder	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baking soda (do not use on aluminum) or salt
Stain Remover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make paste of washing soda and water; club soda, lemon juice, and hot water
Deodorant stains	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rub lightly with white vinegar and launder as usual
Wine/coffee stains	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean stains immediately with club soda
Coffee/tea stains	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equal parts moist salt and vinegar; or baking soda solution of 3 tablespoons baking soda & 1 quart water
Toilet Bowl Cleaner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use baking soda and vinegar paste. Let sit for 2 hours, then scrub.
Window Cleaner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use ½ cup vinegar in 1 gallon warm water, use newspaper to dry glass