

# Natural Cleaners

Looking to green your household cleaning routine? Try these natural alternatives to conventional cleaning products and enjoy a fresh green clean!

<b>Product</b>	<b>Alternative</b>
<b>Oven cleaner</b>	Clean spills as soon as the oven cools using steel wool and baking soda; for tough stains, add salt (do not use this method in self-cleaning or continuous-cleaning ovens).
<b>Glass cleaner</b>	Mix 1 tablespoon of vinegar or lemon juice in 1 quart of water. Spray on and use newspaper to wipe dry.
<b>Toilet bowl cleaner</b>	Use a toilet brush and baking soda or vinegar. (Note: This will clean but not disinfect.)
<b>Furniture polish</b>	Mix 1 teaspoon of lemon juice in 1 pint of mineral or vegetable oil, and wipe furniture.
<b>Mothballs</b>	Use cedar chips, lavender flowers, rosemary, mint, or white peppercorns.
<b>Rug deodorizer</b>	Deodorize dry carpets by sprinkling liberally with baking soda. Wait at least 15 minutes and vacuum.
<b>Silver polish</b>	Boil 2 to 3 inches of water in a shallow pan with 1 teaspoon of salt, 1 teaspoon of baking soda, and a sheet of aluminum foil. Totally submerge silver and boil for 2 to 3 more minutes. Wipe away tarnish. Repeat if necessary. (Do not use this method on antique silver knives. The blade will separate from the handle.) Another alternative is to use nonabrasive toothpaste.

Source: US Environmental Protection Agency.