

Try the recipes and alternative cleaning methods listed below for safe and effective household cleaning and polishing.

### Drain cleaner

Pour ½ cup baking soda into drain, and follow with ½ cup white distilled vinegar. (The chemical will make a lot of noise.) Let the mixture sit for 15 minutes before rinsing with hot tap water.

### Furniture polish

Use olive, peanut or almond oil for unvarnished wood. For varnished furniture, use a wax or other product that does not have a “DANGER” label.

### Linoleum floor cleaner

Mix 1 cup white vinegar plus 2 gallons water.

### Rug/carpet cleaner

Sprinkle baking soda on the carpet, then vacuum.

### Microwave cleaner

Mix ¼ cup of white distilled vinegar and 1 cup water. Boil in the microwave. The steam will loosen caked-on food, making it easier to clean and get rid of odors.

### Bonus - Tip for pet owners

Mix white distilled vinegar with 1 quart water in your pet’s drinking water to help keep animals free of fleas and ticks. 1 tsp vinegar / animals over 40 lbs, ½ tsp / animals over 10 lbs, ¼ tsp / animals under 10 lbs.



Alternatives to common household toxic products are listed here.

For This...	Try this alternative solution
bleach	borax
coffee cup stain removal	moist salt
dishwashing	liquid soap plus vinegar for grease removal
fertilizer	compost
grease removal	borax on a damp cloth
ink spot remover	cold water & 1 teaspoon cream of tartar & tablespoon of lemon juice
laundry detergent	basic soap
mildew remover	equal parts vinegar & salt
oil stain removal	white chalk rubbed into stain before laundering
oven cleaner	2 tablespoons liquid soap & 2 teaspoons borax and warm water
pet odor removal	cider vinegar
porcelain stain removal	baking soda
refrigerator deodorizer	open box of baking soda
scouring powder	baking soda
spot remover	club soda, lemon juice or salt
upholstery spot removal	club soda
wine stain removal	salt

**Label all cleaners**

**Never mix cleaners**

**Keep all cleaners away from children and pets**

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