

A decorative background featuring a teal color with a bubbly, foamy texture, resembling soap suds or water bubbles. The bubbles vary in size and are scattered across the entire page, with a denser concentration on the left side.

# HOMEMADE CLEANERS

## SCENTED ALL-PURPOSE CLEANER

One part white vinegar  
Lemon rind

One part water  
Rosemary sprigs

Combine the above ingredients together, pour into a spray bottle, shake, and then let infuse for a week before using. Once done, you can use the natural solution to remove hard water stains, clean trash cans, wipe away wall smudges, and much more. Besides a fresh scent, the lemon rind may help boost cleaning power. Caution: Do not use acidic cleaners on granite, as they will etch the stone.

## DIY GLASS CLEANER

2 cups water  
1/4 cup rubbing alcohol 70% concentration

1/2 cup white or cider vinegar  
1 to 2 drops of orange essential oil for smell

The next time you need to wash your windows and mirrors, combine these ingredients and pour them in a spray bottle. Hint: Don't clean windows on a hot, sunny day, because the solution will dry too quickly and leave lots of streaks. For mirrors, spray the solution on a paper towel or soft cloth first before wiping.

## LAST-RESORT CLOTHING STAIN REMOVER

2 Litres hot water  
1/2 cup regular liquid chlorine bleach

1/2 cup powdered dishwasher detergent

Treat badly stained but washable white clothing by mixing the above ingredients into a stainless steel, plastic, or enamel bowl (not aluminium). Soak garment for 15–20 minutes. If stain is still there, let it soak a bit longer, then wash the item as usual.

## CHEMICAL FREE FOR YOUR CUTTING BOARDS

All that's needed to clean and sanitize cutting boards (wood or plastic) is a lemon! Cut it in half, run it over the surfaces, let sit for ten minutes, and then rinse away. If you need some serious scrubbing power, sprinkle some Kosher salt over the board, and then rub with ½ a lemon.

## CHEMICAL FREE FOR YOUR MICROWAVE

Pour some vinegar into a small cup and mix in a little lemon juice (exact amounts don't really matter). Put the cup in the microwave, let the microwave run for 2 minutes, and leave the door closed for several more minutes. Finally, open the door and simply wipe down all the sides with a warm cloth or sponge—no scrubbing required!

**Never combine ammonia-based cleaners with chlorine bleach or products containing bleach, such as powdered dishwasher detergent. The fumes they'll create are extremely dangerous. Before doing any mixing, read the product labels first. Always label any bottles of DIY cleaners with all the ingredients inside. In case a child or animal gets into it, it's important to know what the mixture contains.**