

LAUNDRY

CHLORINE BLEACH

Highly corrosive; toxic; irritating to skin & eyes.

Never mix with ammonia!!! - poisonous gas will result.

- 1/2 cup white vinegar or baking soda or Borax.
- Non-chlorine bleach.

DETERGENT

Caustic & corrosive. Contributes to water pollution.

- Substitute soap powders or washing soda.
- Note - Wash clothes in washing soda when first substituting soap powder.

WORKSHOP

PAINT THINNER

Toxic; irritating vapors; possible liver & kidney damage.

- Use latex paint (water-based).



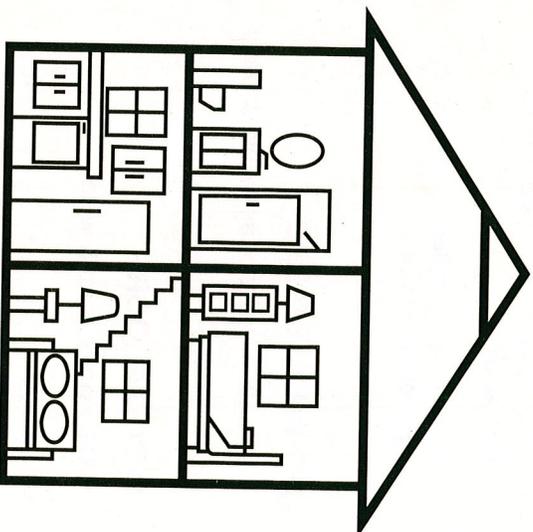
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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM

**"ALTERNATIVE CLEANING
MATERIALS FOR USE
IN THE HOME"**



SEVEN BASIC CLEANING AGENTS

Baking Soda

Borax

Lemon juice

Salt

Soap

Washing Soda

White Vinegar

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LIVING AREAS

Many commercially available cleaners, polishes and waxes contain petroleum distillates and other potentially harmful chemicals. Consider the following substitutions:

WOOD POLISH

- 1 tsp. lemon oil to 1 pint vegetable or mineral oil.
- Try olive oil or boiled linseed oil in place of the above.

NO-WAX FLOORS

- Vinegar & water or ammonia & water.

WOOD FLOORS

- Oil soap or soap & water.

RUG DEODORIZER

- 2 parts cornmeal to 1 part Borax: let set 1 hour & vacuum.
- Baking soda & vacuum.

WINDOWS

- 3 Tblspn. vinegar to 1 qt. warm water.

CLOSETS

- Replace mothballs with dried lavender or cedar shavings.

KITCHEN & BATHROOM

ALUMINUM POTS

- Lemon juice: rub & rinse or...
- Soak overnight in vinegar & water.

STAINLESS STEEL

- Baking soda paste.

COPPER POTS

- Ketchup or lemon juice & salt.

GOLD

- Warm soap & water.

CHROME

- Vinegar.

BRASS

- Salt, flour & vinegar mixture.

SILVER

- 1 1/2 qts. hot water, 1/2 Tblspn. baking soda, 1/2 Tblspn. salt: soak in aluminum pan lined with aluminum foil. Polish with cloth.

OVEN CLEANERS

Corrosive; irritating vapors; toxic if swallowed. Ventilate well!

- Scour often with baking soda & water.
- 1/4 cup ammonia to 2 cups water in shallow (non-aluminum) pan; place in warmed oven overnight.

SINK, TUB, TOILET & TILE CLEANERS

Many contain chlorine; corrosive; toxic; irritating to mucus membranes, heart & lungs. Ventilate well!

- Scour with baking soda or Borax.

DRAIN CLEANER

Highly corrosive; fatal if swallowed; may cause blindness.

- Maintain weekly with boiling water.
- 1/4 cup baking soda & 2 oz. vinegar; rinse with boiling water, or...
- 1/2 cup washing soda & boiling water, or...
- Unclog with plunger or plumber's snake.

DISINFECTANTS

Irritating vapors; toxic.

- Borax or vinegar

