

# The "Greening of Your Home"

## Alternatives

Try these non-toxic or less-toxic products as alternatives to hazardous household chemicals. While a little more "elbow grease" may have to be used with some of these products, the benefits in terms of improved indoor air quality, decreased exposure to chemicals, fewer waste disposal concerns, convenience, and lower costs should make the switch an easy one to make.

For this:	Try this:
Ants	Red chili powder at point of entry
Bleach	Borax
Cleaners:general household	Baking soda
Coffee pot stain	Vinegar
Decal remover	Soak in white vinegar
Dish detergent: grease cutter	1/2 cup baking soda + usual amount of liquid detergent
Fleas on pets	Gradually add brewers yeast to pet's diet
Flies	Well watered pot of basil
Floor cleaner	1 cup vinegar + 2 gallons water
Furniture polish	1 tablespoon lemon oil in 1 pint of mineral oil
Grease removal	Borax on damp cloth
Ink spot remover	Cold water + 1 tablespoon cream of tartar + 1 tablespoon lemon juice
Insects on plants	Soapy water on leaves, then rinse
Laundry detergent	Basic soap
Oil stain remover	White chalk rubbed into stain before laundering
Oven cleaner	2 tablespoons liquid soap + 2 teaspoons borax + warm water
Perspiration spot remover	Baking soda
Pet odor remover	Cider vinegar
Roach repellent	Chopped bay leaves and cucumber skins
Rug/carpet/Upholstery cleaner	Club soda
Rust removal (clothing)	Lemon juice + salt + sunlight
Scorch mark removal	Grated onion
Stainless steel polish	Mineral oil
Tube and tile cleaner	1/4 cup baking soda + 1/2 cup white vinegar + warm water
Water mark removal	Toothpaste
Water softener	1/4 cup vinegar
Wine stain removal	Salt
Window cleaner	2 tablespoons vinegar in 1 quart warm water