

5 Homemade Cleaners

Save a bundle with these simple, effective homemade cleaning products. Remember to use clean bottles only and always label and date your products. They won't hold well for more than a month or two.

Glass Cleaner

1 part water, 1 part vinegar. Use to clean windows and mirrors with a glass cleaning cloth or newsprint. The smell dissipates quickly.

Disinfectant

1 part water, 1 part rubbing alcohol. Use to spray and leave after you've cleaned a surface, only use where required i.e. points of contact, cutting boards, bathrooms etc. Note that a disinfectant does not necessarily clean (i.e. lift dirt off) so this is the second part of a two-step cleaning process (first part is the actual cleaning with a cleaner).

All-Purpose Cleaner

1 tablespoon of dish soap per bottle of water. Great to use for cleaning kitchen, bathroom surfaces, hallways, most furniture. If you are finding residue, reduce the amount of dish liquid being used (they vary in recipes).

Tub and Tile Cleaner / Degreaser

1 part vinegar, 1 part dish liquid. Use for soap scum on tiles and glass, greasy kitchens etc. Spray, let it sit for 5 minutes and start to clean.

Stain Remover

2 parts hydrogen peroxide, 1 part dish liquid. Amazing, simply spray on a stain, rub it in, rinse it out. It can also be used as a pre-treatment for stains. Test in an inconspicuous area first as the hydrogen peroxide may discolor.