

## *All-Purpose & Glass Cleaner*

Mix 1/2 cup of white vinegar and 2 cups of water in a spray bottle. Add a few drops of essential oil with disinfectant properties such as tea tree or lemon (optional).

For extra-tough messes, first scrub with baking soda or 1 teaspoon of castile soap mixed with 1 cup of warm water and then use the recipe detailed above. This also removes residue left by commercial glass cleaners.

Dry the surface with crumpled up newspaper.

## *Countertop/Cutting Boards*

Spray with undiluted white vinegar to kill mold in wet places. No need to rinse.

Sprinkling baking soda onto a cutting board will absorb odors and provide grit to clean up tougher spills. Wipe down with a damp cloth.

## *Drains*

For a slow drain, pour 1/2 cup of baking soda down the drain followed by 1/2 cup of white vinegar. Leave for 15 minutes. Next, pour a kettle full of boiling water down the drain. For clogged drains, use a plunger, coat hanger, or plumber's snake to clear the clog. Then use the slow drain recipe above.

## *Fabric Softener*

Add 1/2 cup of white vinegar to the rinse cycle to soften clothes and keep them bright. If there is a softener dispenser on your machine, pour in vinegar to the fill line.

## *Toilet Bowl Cleaner*

Add one cup of white vinegar to the toilet, scrub bowl with toilet brush and let set at least 15 minutes or until convenient to flush. A cup of vinegar in the tank provides a second rinsing. For more thorough cleaning, turn the water valve so no water comes into the bowl so you can clean with vinegar and baking soda.

## *Tub Scrub*

Place up to 1/4 cup of baking soda into a small bowl. Slowly pour liquid soap (about 2 tablespoons), stirring constantly until the mixture has the consistency of frosting. Add a few drops of essential oil for scent and anti-fungal properties (e.g. lavender), if desired. Scoop the creamy mixture onto a damp sponge, scrub surface, and rinse.

## *Other Recipes*

There are many, many nontoxic recipes out there. Go on-line and research your needs such as removing specific stains from particular fabrics.