

DIY Green Cleaning Solutions

- **For Ink or Paint Stains:** Soak in Rubbing Alcohol for 30 minutes or spray hair spray on it and wash out.
- **Grass Stains:** Scrub with liquid dish soap or treat with a 50/50 Hydrogen Peroxide and water mix.
- **Tea or Coffee Stains:** Immediately pour boiling water over the stain until it is gone, or if it is already set, scrub with a paste of Borax and water then wash immediately.
- **Tomato Based Stains:** Treat with White Vinegar directly on the stain and wash immediately.
- **Grease and Oil Stains:** Sprinkle the stain with dry Baking Soda to remove any loose oil or grease and brush off. Then, soak in undiluted White Vinegar for 15 minutes, rinse and scrub with liquid dish soap before washing.
- **Pet Stains:** Do Not wash in warm water! Soak in cool water and then cool wash with an added mixture of ½ cup Hydrogen Peroxide and ½ Baking Soda.
- **Wine or Red Dyes Stains:** Use a mix of 50/50 Hydrogen Peroxide and water and soak.
- **Removal of Common Clothing Stains:** Soak the stain directly in a mix of 50/50 Hydrogen Peroxide and water for 30 minutes and then add 1 cup of Hydrogen Peroxide to the wash water.
- **Lime Deposits:** Soak paper towels in Vinegar and leave on deposits for one hour. Soak shower heads in vinegar. Squeeze Lemon juice onto bathroom fixtures affected areas and let it sit for several minutes before wiping with a wet cloth.
- **Garbage Disposal Deodorizer:** Cut up Oranges or Lemons, or Baking Soda. Put in disposal, turn it on and rinse.
- **Marks on walls and painted surfaces:** Many ink spots, pencil, crayon or marker spots can be cleaned using Baking Soda and applied to a damp sponge. Rub gently, then wipe and rinse.

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- **Mold and Mildew**: Use White Vinegar or Lemon Juice full strength. Apply with a sponge or scrubby allow 30 minutes.
- **Rust Remover**: Sprinkle a little Salt on the rust, squeeze a Lime over the salt until it is well soaked. Leave the mixture on for 2-3 hours. Use leftover rind to scrub residue.
- **Stickers on Walls**: To remove, sponge Vinegar over them several times, and wait 15 minutes, then rub off the stickers. This also works for price tag (stickers) on tools, etc.
- **Cutting Boards**: Use a Lemon, but it in half, run it over the surfaces, let sit for ten minutes, and then rinse away. If you need serious scrubbing power, sprinkle some coarse or Kosher Salt over the board, and the rub with a ½ a Lemon.
- **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 wipe down all the sides with a warm cloth or sponge—no scrubbing required.
- **Windows and Mirrors**: For an all-purpose window cleaner, combine 1 part White Vinegar with 4 parts water, the use a sponge or rag to scrub away.
- **Refrigerator Cleaner**: Add about ½ cup of Baking Soda to a bucket of hot water. Dip a clean rag in the mixture and use it to wipe down the fridge's insides.
- **Grill Cleaning**: Use Aluminum Foil: Ball up a piece of aluminum foil and use it to scrub clean a dirty grill. You can also use the foil to protect your racks by poking holes in a sheet and place it over before putting food on the grill.
- **Can Opener Blades**: Clean off the blades of a well-worn can opener with an old toothbrush soaked with full strength vinegar to help remove dirt and grease.