



Hazardous Waste

HOUSEHOLD

Many products that we use every day contain hazardous materials that can be dangerous to people and the environment if not managed properly.



Fire Hazards
gasoline, solvents and paints



Explosion Hazards
gas cylinders, fire extinguishers



Toxicity to Humans, Animals and Environment
chemicals, household cleaners, solvents, paints and unused medicines, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, eWaste and mercury

The **DANGERS** of **IMPROPER DISPOSAL**

contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems

contaminate ground and surface water that is used as a source of drinking water

present hazards to children and pets
pollute bodies of water if poured into storm sewers



WHERE TO Dispose of HHW



local facilities



collection events

Check with your local solid waste district for information about waste management options in your area.



Alternatives to Toxic Cleaning Substances

Furniture Cleaner and Polish

- 1/2 teaspoon oil, such as olive (or jojoba)
- 1/4 cup vinegar or fresh lemon juice

Mix the ingredients in a glass jar. Dab a soft rag into the solution and wipe onto wood surfaces.

Cover the glass jar and store indefinitely.

Oven Cleaner

- 1 cup baking soda
- Water
- A squirt or two of liquid soap

Sprinkle water generously over the bottom of the oven, then cover the grime with enough baking soda that the surface is totally white. Sprinkle some more water over the top, let sit overnight. Wipe up the next morning. When the worst of the mess is removed, dab the liquid detergent or soap on a sponge, and wash the remaining residue from the oven.

Window Cleaner

- 1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon liquid soap
- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 cups water

Put all the ingredients into a spray bottle, shake it up a bit and use as you would a commercial brand.

The soap in this recipe removes the wax residue from the commercial brands you might have used in the past.

Mold and Mildew Cleaner

- 2 teaspoons tea tree oil
- 2 cups water

Combine in a spray bottle, shake to blend, and spray on problem areas. Do not rinse.

Disinfectant

- 2 teaspoons borax
- 4 tablespoons vinegar
- 3 cups hot water

Mix all ingredients together in a spray bottle. For stronger cleaning power, add 1/4 teaspoon liquid soap. Wipe on with dampened cloth or use non-aerosol spray bottle.



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