

## EASY DIY CLEANERS

*Please do your own research and testing before using these recipes. They work for us and our home but your home may be different.*

### Citrus Vinegar

Fill a jar with citrus peels... any kind or combination.

Cover with white vinegar and let sit for 1-2 weeks.

Use in your favorite DIY cleaning recipe.

### Basic Cleaner

- 1 c. white or citrus vinegar
- 1 c. water
- *A few drops of essential oil, optional*

Mix together in a spray bottle. Spray and wipe clean. This works well on most surfaces.

### All-Purpose Cleaner

- 1 T. baking powder or borax
- ¼ c. white vinegar *or citrus infused vinegar*
- ¼ t. dish detergent or castile soap
- 3 c. hot water
- *A few drops of essential oil, optional*

Mix together in a quart jar or a large spray bottle. Spray and wipe clean. You may want to rinse surfaces with a clean damp cloth.

**\*\*To add disinfecting properties to any cleaner you can add:**

- 5 drops of tea tree essential oil
- 3 drops of thyme essential oil

## **Window Cleaner**

- 1 T. white or citrus vinegar
- 3 c. water
- *Drop of castile soap or dish detergent, optional*
- *¼ c. rubbing alcohol, optional*

Mix together in a spray bottle. Spray and wipe clean.

## **Scouring Powder or Carpet Odor Eliminator**

- 3-4 c. baking soda
- 10-15 drops of your favorite essential oils

Mix together in a container with a shaker lid for easy use.

### **For Scrubbing:**

Shake onto surface to be scrubbed. Add enough water to make a paste and scrub away.

### **For Carpets:**

Sprinkle on carpets before vacuuming and allow to sit for at least 15-20 minutes before vacuuming.

### **NOTE:**

We prefer to use glass spray bottles to store our cleaners and/or mason jars. We also keep ALL CLEANERS and ESSENTIAL OILS in a LOCKED CABINET for SAFETY. Even though these are generally SAFER than most store-bought cleaners, they can still be DANGEROUS if ingested or improperly used.

ALWAYS be sure to instruct children how cleaners should be responsibly used and where they are to be used. CLEANERS ARE NOT FOR PLAY!