



Spring Cleaning Tips and Ideas

4 Ways to Clean Your House with a Lemon



1. Deodorize your garbage disposal: The garbage disposal

drain can get stinky. Instead of pouring bleach down there to kill the bugs causing the odor (which can put off noxious fumes that make you cough), consider tossing a few lemon rinds down the disposal. This will help neutralize the odor naturally.

2. Polish metal: Nix the expensive, harsh chemicals and polish your flatware and pans with a half a lemon and a little elbow grease!

3. Sanitize your microwave:

Microwaves can collect grime. The acid in lemons can zap germs and leave a fresh sent.

4. Blast soap scum: Juice six lemons and pour the contents into a spray bottle—the citric acid will dissolve soap scum!

Other Good Ideas

Check Your Detectors – Change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. In addition to testing batteries regularly, you should change these twice a year without fail.

Turn Trash Into Cash – If you're clearing out closets this spring,



don't just dump what you no longer need curbside. Get some green after you clean by taking used items to secondhand stores, selling them online, or donating goods for tax deductions.

Customer Suggestion

Resident H.B. writes: Many weeks my organics cart and recycle cart are only half full, can I save myself a couple of trips to the curb with half full carts and just place them out the following week when they are more than half full?

Yes, you can wait. There is no requirement to put out your organics and recycle cart out every week. But, you can if you want to, especially, if you have some stinky stuff in there.

Thank you for your question H.B.!

We Want Our Service to Be The Best and You Can Help

Please place your carts at the curb edge with at least 3 feet of clearance from other objects, including other carts, basketball hoops and motor vehicles.



What Do I Put Into the Organics Cart?

The reason Organics Carts are so important is that using them helps divert materials away from our landfills which is better for the environment. Here is a list to help you use your cart efficiently. Thank you for helping us provide you with the best possible service.

Organics Acceptable List

- Grass and weed clippings
- Shrubs and tree prunings (less than 4" in diameter)
- Leaves, plants and flowers
- Food scraps and food soiled paper products

Non-acceptable Organics List

- No household garbage
- **No plastic bags**
- No dirt or rocks
- No overloading - lid must be closed

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Healthy Alternatives to Cleaning Products With Toxic Chemicals

All-Purpose Cleaner

1 quart warm water
1 teaspoon liquid soap
1 teaspoon borax

1/4 cup undiluted white vinegar

Mix ingredients and store in a spray bottle.

Use for cleaning countertops, floors, walls, carpets and upholstery.

Glass Cleaner

1 quart warm water
1/4 cup white vinegar (or 2 table-
spoons lemon juice)

Mix ingredients and store in a spray bottle.

Dip a wet sponge in baking soda to clean a glass oven door.

Stain Remover

1 part glycerin
1 part liquid dish washing detergent
8 parts water

Test on unexposed area of fabric.

Apply to stain as soon as possible and blot with cloth. Store in a plastic squeeze bottle. Shake well before each use.

Disinfectant

Use 1/2 cup of borax in one gallon of hot water.

To prevent mold or mildew from forming, don't rinse off the borax solution.

Oven Cleaner

1 quart warm water
2 teaspoons borax
2 tablespoons liquid soap

Spray on solutions, wait 20 minutes, then clean.

You can also pour salt on spills as they occur and wipe while your oven is warm.

Drains

Pour 1/4 cup baking soda down the drain, followed by 2 ounces of vin-

egar. Cover the drain and let sit for 15 minutes. Rinse with 2 quarts of boiling water.

Use this treatment regularly to prevent clogged drains and keep them smelling fresh. Also, pour boiling water down drains on a weekly basis to prevent grime buildup.

Toilet Bowls

Put 1/4 cup borax in toilet bowl and let set overnight. Next day, scrub — or scrub with a solution of 1/2 cup borax to 1 gallon of water.

Tub and Tiles

Scrub surfaces with baking soda slightly moistened with water.



By using these recipes, you will not only avoid inhaling toxic fumes but you will be reducing the amount of trash that will end up in our landfill.



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