Ten great housekeeping hacks for naturally cleaning your home

It’s true that a lot of cleaning products, detergents and other household supplies do more harm than good. It’s impossible to completely withdraw from using household chemicals, but you can try to reduce your use of them.

The **Bright Side** team has selected some awesome tips that will help you clean your house using products easily found in any kitchen.

Bathroom tiles

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You will need:

- 1/4 glass of hydrogen peroxide
- 1 tablespoon of liquid soap
- 1/2 glass of water

How to use it:

Mix all ingredients.

To clean superficial dirt, put the liquid on a sponge and give the tiles a wipe. Then wash the surface with water.

If the tiles are really filthy, put some liquid on them and on grout as well. Leave it for 10 minutes. During this time, dirt will dissolve and it would be easier to clean it off. Repeat the process one more time and wash the surface with water.

If you want your bathroom to stay clean for a long time, use the following technique: mix water and vinegar in the ration of 1 to 1 and spray tiles and grout with this liquid twice a week.

A gas stove

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You will need:

- Q-tips
- Old tooth brush
- Ammonia-anisic drops

How to use it:

Dip a Q-tip into ammonia-anisic drops and rub greasy spots. To clean ingrained grease, use a tooth brush and a regular sponge. Always put on gloves to protect your hands and skin.

Kitchen exhaust hood filters

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You will need:

- 1/2 cup regular baking soda
- 1/2 glass ammonia

How to use it:

Boil water in a big pot.

Slowly pour out soda into water using a teaspoon.

Put filters into boiling water. Grease and dirt will immediately start dissolving. Remove the pot from fire

in a couple of minutes. If filters are extremely dirty, repeat the process with a fresh supply of water.

If grease didn’t clean off completely, put the filters in hot water with ammonia (1/2 glass of ammonia for 118 fl oz (3.5 l) of water). It’s necessary to open windows and put on a filter mask to protect yourself from the strong smell of ammonia.

A mattress

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You will need:

- 8 fl oz (235 ml) 3% hydrogen peroxide
- 3 tablespoons baking soda
- A drop of liquid soap

How to use it:

Make the mixture right before you are going to clean a mattress as it’s more effective this way.

Mix baking soda and peroxide in a spray bottle. When baking soda dissolves, drip liquid soap in there. Shake the bottle and spray a dirty spot.

Leave it for 5-10 minutes. If you want it to dry faster, turn on a fan and point it to the spot.

Clean off the remnants of baking soda with a vacuum cleaner.

The oven

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You will need:

- Ammonia

How to use it:

Put some ammonia into a small bowl and leave it in a turned off oven for a night. Give your kitchen a good airing in the morning and wash the oven; grease will peel off easily. There should be no odor left. The only downside to this method is the smell, so please don’t forget to work with gloves and with the windows open.

The kettle

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You will need:

- Vinegar

How to use it:

To get rid of kettle furring, fill the kettle up to half or three quarters level with equal parts of water and vinegar. Cork the kettle nose (for example, you can make a «cork» out of paper) and boil water for as long as you need for furring to come off. Then wash the kettle well.

Dishes

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You will need:

- Dry mustard
- Baking soda

How to use it:

The best possible safe dish-washing mixture is baking soda and dry mustard in the ration of 1 to 3. Mix both powders and put them into a bottle with holes in the lid. It’s easy to use.

The toilet

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You will need:

- Vinegar

How to use it:

To clean your toilet use pure vinegar. It’s also a great disinfectant!

A microfiber sofa cover

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You will need:

- A sponge
- A bottle of isopropyl alcohol
- A brush
- Baking soda

How to use it:

Put some isopropyl alcohol on a sponge and rub dirty places. Use a brush to take care of microfibers. To eliminate funky odor, put some baking soda on as well.

The refrigerator

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You will need:

- Baking soda

How to use it:

Dissolve 2 tablespoons of baking soda in 34 fl oz (1 l) of water and scrub the inside of the refrigerator with it. Then wipe it with a soft cloth.

To eliminate unpleasant smells, you don’t have to buy special absorbents. You can just place some products that can be easily found in any kitchen in your fridge, and they’ll do an outstanding job. Here is a list of these products:

- Pieces of dark bread
- Glasses of baking soda
- Slices of lemon
- Absorbent coal

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