

## ALTERNATIVE FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS

Wondering where to get rid of Household Hazardous Products? Why not try alternatives instead of purchasing the hazardous products.

### Aerosols

- Try using non-aerosol products.
- For deodorants, try roll on, creams, or sticks
- Cooking sprays use cooking oils
- Shaving cream - use brush & shaving soaps
- Hair sprays - use setting lotions, gels, pump sprays
- Cleaners - use pump sprays

### Air Freshener

- Try leaving an open box of baking soda in a room
- Try setting out a dish of vinegar
- Add cloves, cinnamon, vanilla to boiling water, simmer for 5 minutes
- Use herbs or potpourri

### All purpose cleaner

- Mix 1 quart warm water, 1 teaspoon, liquid soap, lemon juice and/or vinegar. Make stronger according to the job.
- Try baking soda with water

### Carpet cleaner

- Use Soap-based, non-aerosol cleaners
- Clean stains immediately with club soda
- Sprinkle cornstarch and vacuum
- Rub dry baking soda into grease
- Combine equal parts vinegar & water to remove winter salt residue

### Chlorine bleach

- Use safer & less destructive dry bleach to whiten

### Disinfectant

- Use ½ cup borax and 1 gallon water

### Drain Opener

- Plunger or mechanical snake
- **Handful of baking soda and ½ cup vinegar, followed by boiling water**
- Use enzymatic biological drain cleaner
- Prevent clogging, flush drain weekly with boiling water
- Prevent clogging, use a strainer to keep hair, lint, etc, out of the drain

### Fabric softener

- Rinse cotton and wool blankets with 2 cup white vinegar added to washer

### Floor Cleaner

- Mop with 1 cup white vinegar with 2 gallons water
- Polish with club soda

### Glue/Decal Remover

- Soak in white vinegar

### Grout Cleaner

- Use a toothbrush with either undiluted vinegar, 3 parts baking soda with one part water, toothpaste or denture cream

## Hair Colors

- Use plant-derived rinses

## Insecticides

- Select pest-resistant plants
- Plant garlic cloves at 1 foot intervals in gardens
- Use traps or spray soaps
- Blend 6 cloves crushed garlic, 1 minced onion, 1 tablespoon dried hot pepper, and 1 teaspoon pure soap in 1 gallon hot water; let sit 1-2 days; strain then spray on plants
- **Insect repellents**
- Don't wear scented colognes, shaving lotions, or shampoos when outdoors
- Use chamomile teas as a lotion
- Burn citronella candles, punk or mosquito coils

## Metal Polish

- Brass - Worcestershire sauce
- Chrome - Apple cider vinegar or baking soda and soft cloth
- Copper - Vinegar and salt; or lemon and salt
- Pewter - Rub with fine steel wool dipped in olive oil, wash in soapy water and dry; or polish with cabbage leaves
- Silver - Soak in 1 quart warm water with 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon salt, and piece of aluminum foil; or rub with ammonia and soft cloth
- Soak in buttermilk or sour milk overnight
- Stainless Steel - Wash with 1 quart warm water and 3 tablespoons baking soda; rinse with hot water

## Mildew/Soap Scum

- Try ¼ cup baking soda, ½ cup vinegar and warm water

## Mothballs

- Try one of the following - cedar chips, lavender flowers, rosemary, mint, white peppercorns, cloves, dried lemon peels
- Keep garment clean - wrap in linen or seal in paper or cardboard boxes

## Oven Cleaner

- Wipe up the spill as soon as possible
- Catch spills under baking pan with a baking sheet
- Sprinkle salt and baking soda on spill while still warm scrub with steel wool and baking soda for baked on grease, wipe with ammonia, let sit overnight; then scrub with baking soda

## Scouring Powder

- Baking soda (do not use on aluminum) or salt

## Stain remover

- Make paste of washing soda and water; club soda, lemon juice, and hot water and cold water
- Deodorant - rub lightly with white vinegar and launder as usual
- Wine/Coffee - Clean stains immediately with club soda
- Coffee/tea - Equal parts moist salt and vinegar; or baking soda solution of 3 tablespoons baking soda & 1 quart water

## Toilet Bowels

- Use baking soda and vinegar paste. Let sit for 2 hours, then scrub

## Window Cleaner

- Use ½ cup vinegar and 1 gallon warm water, use newspaper to dry glass