

Green Cleaning



Common Hazardous Products in the Home

Read product labels carefully before you buy and watch for the words **danger**, **warning** and **caution**. Products with these words are considered more hazardous. Buy the least hazardous products you can find to do the job or stock up with items on the list below and make your own.

If you must purchase hazardous products, buy only what you can use up completely to avoid the dangers of storing or disposing of the product.

Try these alternatives to save money and reduce potential hazards that chemicals create.

Make Your Own Green Cleaning Kit

Use these safe, basic supplies in various combinations to replace chemical cleaners.

- Alcohol - sanitizes
- Baking soda
- Borax
- Club soda
- Flour
- Hydrogen peroxide - whitens
- Lemon juice
- Liquid soap
- Salt
- Toothpaste
- Vegetable oil - removes adhesive
- White vinegar

Try These Recipes:

Adhesive removal—Apply generous amount of vegetable oil and let sit 1 hr-overnight. Wipe away adhesive.

Pot and surface scrub—Sprinkle with baking soda, spray with white vinegar, let bubble and sit, wipe off and rinse.

Crayon remover—Rub mark with toothpaste and a damp cloth. Do not use on non-vinyl wallpaper.

Paper craft glue—Mix a small amount of warm water into flour to form a paste. Use small amounts at a time. It works!



Do Not Dispose Hazardous Products in the Trash

Try giving leftover products to someone who will use them or call Lane County Hazardous Waste Collection Center to make an appointment for disposal of chemicals (541) 682-4120.

For more green cleaning recipes, visit www.LaneCounty.org/greencleaning.