



Green Spring Cleaning Tips

Bathroom

Remove scum and stubborn marks from baths, sinks and shower stalls with half a lemon covered with a sprinkling of baking powder, the non-abrasive texture guarantees no scratches. Tiles, mirrors and paint work sparkle like new when cleaned with a vinegar and water solution. To give water faucets and stainless steel a shine, polish with baby oil and a dry soft cloth. Toilets benefit from a monthly dousing with white vinegar, regular cleaning with white vinegar and a brush prevents unsightly rings forming in toilet bowl. Mold and mildew can be effectively removed using a 50:50 solution of hydrogen peroxide and water. Spray affected area, repeating if necessary after 2 hours. Cost Savings: Trading traditional bathroom cleaning products and replacing with lemon, baking soda and hydrogen peroxide will actually save you money.

Kitchen

Pan Cleaning To remove burned food from pans add a squirt of dishwashing liquid to a pan half-full of water, then bring to the boil. Allow the liquid to cool

in the pan, then simply wipe clean.

Oven Cleaning Removing spills from the bottom of the oven couldn't be easier. Simply sprinkle a handful of salt over the spill, it will reduce the amount of smoke and the spill will be easier to clean once the oven cools down.

Microwave Oven Cleaning To clean your microwave oven use 2 tablespoons of lemon juice or vinegar in 2 cups of water in a microwave safe container large enough to hold 4 cups and microwave on high for 3 minutes. Carefully remove the bowl and wipe the oven clean with paper towels.

Other Kitchen Equipment If plastic from the bread wrapper melts onto your toaster, allow it cool down then use nail polish remover to get it off. Coffee makers can be cleaned by running through the brew cycle using equal parts of white vinegar and water. Repeat this process two or three times but using fresh water. To keep the fridge smelling fresh and odor-free, two good green options are: get a piece of cotton and put droplets of vanilla extract onto it, and place it in the middle of the fridge or an open

box of baking soda will stop the odors in their tracks. Stainless steel sinks can be freed of lime scale and mineral deposits by placing paper towels soaked in vinegar around the sink. Leave for an hour or so then buff with a dry towel for a clean and shiny effect. Clean sluggish drains by pouring a half a cup of baking soda down the drain then add half a cup of white vinegar and cover. Allow the mixture to foam for a few minutes then pour down 8 more cups of boiling water. Note: Do not use this mixture after using any other commercial cleaner or drain cleaner.

Homemade Cleaning Products

Dry baking powder makes an excellent polish for chrome. Clean porcelain with a mix of cream of tartar and water. Cream of tartar, when mixed into a paste with hydrogen peroxide, can be used to clean rust from some kitchen tools. The paste is applied and allowed to set for a few hours and then washed off with a baking soda/water solution, another rinse with water and a thorough drying. To create a good all purpose cleaner dissolve 1/4 cup of baking soda in 2 pints water.

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According to the U.S. EPA, a whopping 85% of all discarded textiles, 12 million tons, are sent to U.S. landfills every year. USAgain, a green for-profit enterprise, works to reduce textile waste by providing thousands of convenient locations across the US where you can recycle textiles any time of the day, any day of the year. By putting textiles back in the "use cycle" we conserve precious natural resources, prevent greenhouse gas emissions and save landfill space. What's more, the clothes are given a second life at affordable prices for people who can't afford brand new clothes. Textile recycling is a win-win proposition. For more information please visit www.usagain.com.



Please Recycle Your Textiles This Spring



Textile recycling services provided by USAgain.

Current Textile Recycling Savings From the PGS Transfer Station

| | 2014* | 2015 | Totals |
|--|--------|--------|---------|
| Total Textiles Recycled Total in Pounds | 2,826 | 7,142 | 9,968 |
| Water Enough water to supply this many homes per year | 27 | 117 | 144 |
| Carbon Emission Savings Equal to car driving this many miles | 24,094 | 88,611 | 112,705 |
| Landfill Waste Cubic Yards Diverted from Landfill | 17 | 40 | 57 |

*Only October through December

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