

Cleaning around the house



Consolidate your cleaners and reduce packaging at the same time by changing the mindset that every cleaning job requires a different cleaning product.

Basic cleaning supplies

Many common household products can make effective and inexpensive cleaners. Use the following products to clean your house from top to bottom.

- Baking soda
- Lemon or lime juice
- Washing soda
- White vinegar
- Non-scratch scrub sponge
- Drain snake
- Pumice stone

Make your own cleaners

You can make a simple all-purpose cleaner by combining $\frac{1}{4}$ cup white vinegar with water in a 16 ounce spray bottle. Then add $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons non-antibacterial liquid dish soap. Add lemon juice if desired.

Find additional recipes in the Green Cleaning Guide at hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/reduce-household-hazardous-waste.

Replace disposables with reusables

Choose durable, not disposable, for the following items: toilet brushes, mops, dusters, cleaning cloths, wipes, and more! Old cut-up shirts or regular washcloths can replace most disposable cleaning tools you have in your home. Microfiber cleaning cloths are also highly effective for capturing dust and leaving surfaces streak-free.

