## Natural Cleaning Checklist

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- Baking Soda
  - □ Scrub surfaces like kitchen and bathroom ;counters, sinks, and faucets-Works just as well as more abrasive scrubs.
  - Mix with a little water and you have a baking soda paste for getting rid of grime.
  - Use it as a deodorizer Store it in the fridge to keep perishables fresh. Pour some in the hamper or trash bag, and odors will ;disappear.
- Club Soda
  - Use it to shine up stainless-steel appliances ;Moisten a rag with club soda and buff, then wipe it dry with a clean cloth.
- □ Cornstarch
  - Get rid of carpet grease stains in a cinch Put cornstarch on the stain, let sit for 15-30 minutes, and vacum.
- □ Glycerin
  - Remove dried candle -wax easily Peel away as much wax as possible, then dampen a cotton ball with glycerin and rub the rest away.
- Hydrogen Peroxide
  - □ Make computer keyboard ;cleaning a snap. Dip a q-tip into Hydrogen Peroxide and disinfect as you clean between the keys
- Ketchup
  - □ Clear tarnish from copper pots and pans Dab some ketchup on a clean cloth and rub it on tarnished cookware. Coppery color should return in minutes! Rinse cookware in warm water and towel dry.
- □ Kool-Aid
  - Pour this non-toxic kid-friendly ;drink in your toilet bowl and scrub for a safe (and great-smelling!) cleaning alternative.
- □ Lemons and Lemon Juice
  - Use it to dissolve soap scum and hard water ;deposits ;from bathroom and kitchen fixtures.
  - □ Shine brass and copper cookware, appliances, and decorative items.
  - Sprinkle baking soda on a cut lemon and use it to scrub stains and extra dirty dishes.
  - Toss a lemon in the garbage disposal to remove odors and give your kitchen a fresh, lemony scent.
  - Milk

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- Combine 2 parts milk with 1 part white vinegar for an ;surprisingly ;potent stain remover Put stained clothing in the solution and let soak overnight before washing.
- Oatmeal
  - □ Get rid of extra-tough grime on hands by mixing oatmeal with a little water and using the paste like soap.
- Olive Oil
  - □ Mix with lemon juice for a natural furniture polish.
- □ Rubbing Alcohol
  - Erase permanent ink stains from wood floors and countertops Just dab a cottonball in rubbing alcohol and rub until clean.
- □ Vinegar
  - Use it as an all-purpose cleaner Mix equal parts vinegar and water to clean and ;disinfect ;counters, sinks, appliances and most surfaces.
  - Mop the floor with the vinegar solution; use it to clean the toilet, shower, and sink.
- White Bread
  - Dust precious objects naturally Use a slice of white bread to gently remove the dirt and grime on oil paintings and other fragile items.