

# PROP **FACT** Sheet

## Hazardous Product Alternatives

The first step in reducing your consumption of household hazardous wastes is to explore alternatives to our everyday products. Listed below you will find alternative products to handle all of your household needs.

### *Environmentally Friendly Ingredients:*

The following ingredients are safe to use and have been proven effective in cleaning your household items: baking soda, borax, cornstarch, lemon juice, pure soap, table salt, vinegar and washing soda.



### **Instead of:**

Traditional Oven Cleaners

Scouring Powders

Bleach

Pesticides

Shoe Polish

Window Cleaner

Brass or Copper Polish

Toilet Bowl Cleaners

### **Try:**

Products without lye

Baking soda, soap and water  
Peroxide and cream of tartar

One or two cups of white vinegar  
added to the final rinse  
One part hydrogen peroxide to five  
parts water - soak in solution, then  
rinse

Soap and water or antiseptic mouth wash  
solution applied to infested areas; wrap teflo  
tape around base of stems to prevent infes-  
tation

Petroleum jelly gives patent leather  
shine and protects it against cracking  
during the winter.

Mix 1/4 cup vinegar and 2 table-  
spoons of lemon juice with 1 quart  
water in a spray bottle

Mix equal parts of vinegar and lemon  
juice. Add salt to make a paste. Apply  
with a soft cloth, rinse and dry.  
Ketchup can also be used as a polish  
(rinse with water after polishing).

Try baking soda and castile soap or  
use non-chlorine scouring powder.

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