

# GREEN CLEANING



Some cleaning products may be harmful to your septic system and the environment. Avoid over-using certain chemicals, such as bleach. Avoid using drain cleaners completely! Even a small amount of drain cleaner can kill the bacteria in your septic tank. Here are some tank-friendly (and environmentally friendly) household items that can be used around the house for cleaning:

 **Boiling Water**

 **Lemon Juice**

 **Washing Soda**

 **Borax**

 **Liquid Soap**

 **White Vinegar**

## All Purpose Cleaners:

- Mix 1 tsp. Borax with 1 L of warm water. Add splash of lemon juice or vinegar to cut grease.
- 3 tsp. Borax, 1 tsp. soap with 1L of water. Put in a spray bottle.

## Disinfectant

- Mix 1/4 cup Borax in 2 L of hot water.

## Drain Cleaner

- Pour boiling water down the drain to unclog it.
- If boiling water doesn't work, try a plunger or a drain snake.

## Oven Cleaner

- 2 tsp. Borax, 2 tsp. liquid soap and warm water. Put in spray bottle. Spray on and leave for 20 minutes. Scrub with fine steel wool if necessary.
- 3 tbsp. of washing soda with 1 L of warm water. Spray on and leave for 20 minutes. Scrub with fine steel wool if necessary.

## Window Cleaner

- 1 part water to 1 part vinegar in a spray bottle. If windows are really streaky, it may be wax from commercial cleaners. Wipe wax away with rubbing alcohol then use vinegar solution.

