

# Household Hazardous Waste Products & Alternatives

<b>Product</b>	<b>Alternative</b>
<b>Cleaners</b>	
General purpose liquid	vinegar or lemon juice diluted with water; or three tablespoons washing soda in 1 quart water
Scouring powder	baking soda, salt, or borax
Metal polishes	use baking soda paste
Furniture Polish	dip cloth in olive, soybean, or raw linseed oil; or mix 2 tablespoons olive oil with 1 tablespoon vinegar and slowly stir into 1 quart water
Rug cleaners	sprinkle baking soda on rug then vacuum; use club soda on stains
Spot removers	clean spill quickly with club soda, or use baking soda paste on stains
Toilet bowl cleaner	flat cola, borax, or baking soda
Oven cleaner	wipe up spills quickly; wash with baking soda using a scrubber; or sprinkle with baking soda or salt, let sit, and then rinse
<b>Home Maintenance</b>	
Latex paint	use whitewash or milk paint
Oil-based paint	use latex paint when possible
Paint thinner	let paint settle out and then reuse

<b>Glues/adhesives</b>	use white or yellow glue; let glue dry out if it is water based; save if solvent based
<b>Drain opener</b>	prevent problems by using strainer and flushing pipes weekly with boiling water; use a plunger or snake; and put 1/2 cup each vinegar and baking soda down the drain, flushing 15 minutes later
<b>Air freshener</b>	use flowers, herbs, or potpourri; place vinegar or vanilla in an open dish; or clean the source of the odor with baking soda
<b>Degreasers</b>	detergents
<b>Paint stripper</b>	sand or scrape paint
<b>Auto Repair</b>	
<b>Motor oil</b>	none
<b>Antifreeze</b>	none
<b>Gasoline</b>	none; do not use as a cleaner
<b>Vehicle batteries</b>	none
<b>Carburetor cleaner</b>	none
<b>Pesticides</b>	
<b>Bug sprays/insecticides</b>	handpick or trap pests; keep household clean and food covered; caulk or seal entryways

<b>Weed killer</b>	maintain a healthy lawn by adjusting the pH to 6.5, mowing high with a sharp blade, and watering deeply when the soil is too dry
<b>Flea killers</b>	use a flea comb, vacuum often, and wash pets bedding
<b>Wood preservatives</b>	use wood that is naturally resistant (cedar, honey locust, oak) and protect from dampness and insects; look for recycled plastic lumber
<b>Disinfectant</b>	borax or pine oil with soap
<b>Insect repellent</b>	don't wear scented products outdoors; and burn citronella candles, punk, or incense
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
<b>Photographic chemicals</b>	none
<b>Artist paints</b>	use water-based products whenever possible
<b>Swimming pool chemicals</b>	none
<b>Household batteries</b>	use rechargeable batteries
<b>Aerosols</b>	use pump or liquid; if not hazardous, wrap it up and discard with other household trash; save for a household hazardous waste collection program if it contains hazardous materials
<b>Mothballs</b>	keep garments clean; wrap in linen or seal in paper packages or cardboard boxes; use cedar chips; kill eggs by running dry garment through a warm dryer