



Hints For The Home

'Cleaning Green' With Vinegar

(NAPSA)—With the array of cleaning options at the grocery store, it is easy to forget that the most natural and effective cleaner could be sitting in your cabinet at this very moment. Vinegar is an all-in-one cleaner. It can take on most any cleaning challenge, no matter the size, and there's no need to worry about harmful effects typically associated with harsh, chemical cleaning agents. Budget conscious and eco friendly, vinegar is truly a product with many talents.

Live Green With White Vinegar

An online survey conducted by The Vinegar Institute found that cleaning/disinfecting are the second most popular uses for white distilled vinegar next to food preparation uses. Here are a few hints on how to utilize the cleaning power of vinegar in your home:

- Use full-strength vinegar to banish grease and eliminate mildew.
- Dilute with water to remove grease and grime on miniblinds.
- Use full strength to clean chrome fixtures and whiten grout.
- Dilute with water to brighten brickwork.
- Dilute with ammonia and baking soda to freshen a musty closet.
- Mix with salt and baking soda to unclog drains.
- Dilute with water to deodorize the garbage disposal.
- Spray full strength to get rid of unwanted grass and weeds.
- Use full strength to remove your child's ballpoint pen "art" from painted walls.
- Dissolve 1 teaspoon of salt in 1 cup of white distilled vinegar and stir in flour until it becomes a



White distilled vinegar is a cost-effective, all-in-one cleaner that can be used in any room of the house.

paste. Apply paste to brass, copper or pewter and let it stand for about 15 minutes. Rinse with clean warm water and polish until dry.

• Add 2 tablespoons sugar and 2 tablespoons white vinegar to a 1-quart vase of water to keep flowers fresh longer.

• Mix white distilled vinegar and linseed oil to clean leather. Rub the mixture into the leather and then polish with a soft cloth.

This information comes from the professionals at The Vinegar Institute, an international trade association representing the vast majority of vinegar manufacturers and bottlers, as well as suppliers to the industry. Members manufacture a range of vinegar types including white distilled, apple cider, balsamic, red wine, white wine, malt and rice vinegar.

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