

# Clean Water

At A Glance

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## Household Hazardous Wastes

Ordinary life can be extraordinarily toxic. You can protect your home, health and the health of our local waterways by disposing properly of certain household chemicals. Items we use every day in home improvement projects, yard work and automotive maintenance may contain hazardous materials. The type of products you use for a project, how you use it and how you dispose of it when you are done can have a big impact on our streams, rivers and drinking water supply.

### Usage

Carefully read and follow all directions provided with the product. Save on money, time and harm to the environment by planning your project ahead of time. Only buy the products you really need. Use a broom, not a hose to clean up spills. **NEVER** wash toxins into the road or driveway where they will flow into a storm drain and into our waterways.

### Storage

Try to buy only the quantity you need so you don't have to store hazardous materials. Store hazardous materials in a cool, dry place where animals and children cannot get into them. Leave chemicals in their original containers.

### Disposal

**DO NOT** pour anything into a storm drain or ditch. It will end up in our rivers and streams. If you wouldn't drink it, don't dump it. The proper disposal of household hazardous wastes is also NOT down the drain or in the trash. Lane County Waste Management operates a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. The facility offer disposal of hazardous wastes, at **NO CHARGE**. Call to make an appointment, 682-4120.

### Common Household Hazardous Wastes

Oven Cleaner	Gasoline	Propane Cylinders
Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Fuel	Rechargeable Batteries
Drain Cleaner	Oil Varnishes	Thermometers (mercury)
Aerosols	Antifreeze	Lye
Floor Care Products	Car Batteries	Brake Fluid
Ammonia	Paint Thinner	Transmission Fluid
Metal Polish	Pool Chemicals	
Mildew & Lime Remover	Solvents	
Motor Oil	Insecticides	
Oil Paint	Rust Remover	

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### The River Begins at Your Front Door

Water Pollution Problem Reporting Hotline

telephone: (541) 726-3694

online at: [www.ci.springfield.or.us/ESD/complaints](http://www.ci.springfield.or.us/ESD/complaints)



# Alternative Cleaning Products

Purpose	Ingredients	Directions
All Purpose Cleaner	2 tbs. vinegar 1 tsp. borax or washing soda 2 cups hot water 1/4 cup liquid soap	<i>Mix everything but soap in a spray bottle and shake. Add soap last and mix gently. Good for counters, appliances etc.</i>
Scouring Paste	2/3 cup baking soda 1/2 cup liquid soap or detergent 2 tbl. vinegar	<i>Scrub with a rough pad.</i>
Drain Cleaner	1/2 cup baking soda 1/2 cup vinegar	<i>Pour baking soda down drain, followed by vinegar. Let it bubble for 15 minutes and follow with boiling water.</i>
Tub & Tile Cleaner	1 2/3 cup water 1/4 cup liquid soap 1/4 cup baking soda 2 tbl. vinegar	<i>Add soap to water and let dissolve. Stir in baking soda, then add vinegar. Store in a squirt bottle and shake before using. Rinse thoroughly to avoid leaving a residue.</i>
Floor Cleaner	2 tbl. liquid soap or detergent 1 gallon hot water	<i>Mix, mop, and wipe clean.</i>
Tile Floor Cleaner	1 cup vinegar 1 gallon hot water	<i>Mix, mop, and wipe clean.</i>
Wood Floor Polish	1/4 cup olive oil 1/4 cup vinegar	<i>Mix and apply. Wipe clean</i>
Brass & Copper Cleaner	2/3 cup vinegar 2/3 cup flour 1/2 cup salt	<i>In a glass bowl, mix vinegar and flour. Add salt and stir. Spread on tarnished metal. Wait 1-2 hours. Rinse, dry, and polish with a dab of olive oil.</i>
Wood Furniture Polish	3/4 cup olive oil or mineral oil 1/4 cup vinegar 1/2 tsp. lemon oil	<i>Mix thoroughly in a squirt bottle. Shake well and squirt on furniture or rag and rub into wood.</i>

**For more alternatives:**

<http://www.wswmd.org/recipes#apc>

<http://organizedhome.com/pantry-recipes-homemade-cleaning-products>

[http://www.eartheasy.com/live\\_nontoxic\\_solutions.htm](http://www.eartheasy.com/live_nontoxic_solutions.htm)

**Be a clean water hero.**  
Protect our waterways.