



# Green Cleaning

#### Did you know?

Routine cleaning can reduce dust, allergens, and chemicals in your home. When cleaning, use safer products, which are better for your health and the environment.

#### **Action Plan**

☐ For routine household cleaning of dust and grime: choose safer cleaning products with one of these labels:





- ☐ Make your own cleaners with household ingredients such as vinegar and baking soda (see recipes on next page).
- ☐ While cleaning, open windows and turn on a fan to increase airflow. Consider wearing gloves to protect your skin.
- □ Keep all cleaning products away from children and pets.
- ☐ Do not use chemical air fresheners. Instead, keep your home well-ventilated (open windows). Use a box of baking soda to absorb odors.
- ☐ If you need to kill germs on household surfaces: use a disinfectant such as hydrogen peroxide (3%) or diluted household bleach. For more information on how to safely use these products visit: nyscheck.org/covid

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### All-Purpose Household Cleaner

1 cup warm water 3 drops unscented liquid soap ½ cup white vinegar Optional: add fresh lemon juice

Mix ingredients in an empty spray bottle. Use to clean various surfaces in your home.

## Sink, Tub, & Tile Cleaner

Add water to baking soda to make a paste. Use paste to scrub surfaces. Rinse well.

#### Resources

In New York State, schools are required to use "environmentally-sensitive" cleaning products. For more information, visit <a href="mailto:greencleaning.ny.gov">greencleaning.ny.gov</a>

For more information about disinfection (to kill germs on surfaces), visit: <a href="nyscheck.org/covid">nyscheck.org/covid</a>

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