



# Frugal Cleaner Recipe

## Blue Dawn Dishwashing Liquid

### Ice Pack:

1. Partially fill a strong zip-lock sandwich bag with Dawn liquid, close and freeze.
2. Just to be safe, double the bag.
3. Freeze.
4. The liquid soap stays cold much longer and it can be re-frozen many times.
5. It will conform to the place you need an ice pack.

### Bubble Party

1. Combine ten parts distilled water and one part Dawn to make your own bubble solution
2. Add 114 part white corn syrup if you want to make more sturdy bubbles.
3. Gather up things like clean soup cans that have both ends cut off or Hula-Hoops with makeshift handles attached.
4. If you want you can pour the solution into a plastic kiddy pool and make huge bubbles.
5. Turn it into a scientific experiment and go on a hunt for bubble making items in your kitchen.
6. This is super cheap idea that's lots of fun.

### Hand Degreaser

1. Full strength Dawn Dishwashing liquid cuts through grease and gets hands and nails clean with no harsh chemicals.

### Clean Automotive Tools

1. Soak them in a solution of Dawn liquid before you put them away to remove all the oil and grime.
2. Dawn prevents rust from forming on the tools.

### Manicure Secret

1. Soak fingers in full-strength Dawn.
2. Makes the cuticles soft and easy to work with.
3. Removes the natural oil from fingernails, which allows the polish to adhere very well.

### Repel Ants

1. Spray countertops, cupboards and any other area where you see ants with a solution of Dawn and water.
2. Wipe dry.
3. The slight residue of Dawn that remains will not be a problem for kids or pets but the ants hate it.
4. Should you see a trail of ants, go ahead and hit them with the Dawn spray.

### Bathroom Cleaner

1. Original blue Dawn has some kind of miraculous quality about it that makes it “melt” through stubborn soap scum and hideous build-up on showers and tubs, no matter whether porcelain, acrylic or fiberglass.

### Hair Product Build-up

1. Once a month use original Dawn as you would shampoo.
2. It will remove excess oil from your hair and scalp and strip away any build-up of styling products-without any damage.
3. Perform this once a month and you won't have to buy expensive salon products that do the same thing.

### Stain Spotter

1. Original Dawn used full-strength gets just about any kind of spot out of washables.

2. Keep a small squeeze bottle in the laundry room so it's always handy.

## **Borax**

### **Sink Stains**

1. Stubborn pot marks-even rust stains-will disappear when you make a paste of 1 cup borax and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup lemon juice.
2. Put some of the paste on a cloth or sponge and rub it into the stain, then rinse with warm water.

### **Drain Clogs**

Before calling a service man or using caustic commercial drain cleaner, try this trick on that sluggish drain:

1. Pour  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup borax into the drain,
2. Slowly pour in 2 cups boiling water.
3. Let the mixture set for 15 minutes, then flush with hot water
4. If the problem is severe, repeat as necessary

### **Glass Cleaner**

1. Dissolve 2 tablespoons borax in 3 cups of warm water.
2. Use as you would any liquid glass cleaner on mirrors, windows and glass surfaces.
3. You will be amazed at the spotless and streak-free results

### **Attack Mildew**

1. Dissolve  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup borax in 2 cups of hot water.
2. Rub this solution into the mildewed area on fabric or upholstery.
3. Allow it to soak for several hours or until the stain disappears

### Carpet Stains

1. Remove stubborn stains from rugs and carpets.
2. Thoroughly dampen the area
3. Rub in some borax.
4. Let the area dry
5. Vacuum or blot it with a solution of equal parts vinegar and soapy water and let dry
6. Repeat if necessary
7. Don't forget to first test the procedure on an inconspicuous corner or closet or on a carpet scrap before applying it to the stain.

### Freshen Disposal

1. If your garbage disposal gets a little stinky now and then, you can freshen it and get rid of mold and bacteria with borax.
2. Every couple of weeks pour 3 tablespoons hot water from the tap

### Toilet Cleaner

1. Clean the toilet with borax and a stiff brush.
2. Dampen the brush, sprinkle borax liberally onto the wet brush and scrub

### Weeds and Ants

1. When applied around the foundation of your house, borax will keep ants and spiders from entering your home.
2. Sprinkle it on the weeds and vegetation in the driveway, walkway and sidewalk cracks.
3. Caution: Borax is toxic to plants, so make sure you only sprinkle it on vegetation you want to kill.

## WD-40

### Crayon melted in your dryer?

1. Place the stained surface down on a pad of paper towels
2. Spray with WD-40, let stand a few minutes, turn the fabric over and spray the other side
3. Apply liquid dishwashing detergent and work into the stained area, replacing the paper towels as it absorbs the stain
4. Wash in hot water with laundry detergent and Clorox 2 or Biz for about 12 minutes (use " Heavy Soiled" setting if there is no minute timer on your machine) and rinse in warm water.
5. Be sure to clean the drum of your dryer to remove any remaining waxy residue. Spray a soft cloth with WD-40, and wipe the drum. Run a load of dry rags through a dry cycle.

### If it's Sticky

1. WD-40 removes stickers and adhesives from glass, plastic, countertops and containers.
2. Removes chewing gum, tar and Silly Putty from most surfaces.
3. Spray, wait and wipe.
4. Use WD-40 to clean tracks in sliding windows to make them glide (spray on, and then wipe off).
5. Spray a little WD-40 to lubricate sticky drawers,
6. Give a snow shovel a spray to combat sticky snow.

### If it's stuck

1. Loosen a stuck zipper with WD-40.
2. A quick shot will help untangle jewelry chains and unfreeze door hinges
3. Spray on glass objects that are stuck together to separate without breaking
4. Clean a stuck walking foot on your sewing machine.
5. Use it to free stuck bolts, lug nuts and hose ends that won't budge.
6. Use it to loosen tight Lego blocks and to make those window shades roll smoothly.
7. Make hangers glide over a clothes rod by spraying with WD-40 onto a cloth and applying it to the rod.

### Got Grungy Goo?

1. Removes tar, doggie-doo and scuff marks from shoes.
2. WD-40 cleans filthy guitar strings.
3. Removes the grime from the barbecue grill
4. Use WD-40 to remove the build-up on your favorite pair of scissors
5. It removes the grime and scum from fiberglass showers.

### If it Squeaks?

1. It keeps wicker chairs, kids' swings, rocking chairs, bed springs and noisy hinges from squeaking.
2. It will quiet your trash compactor,
3. Use it to quiet that squeaky weather vane, car strut mounts and windshield wipers.

### Pests....

1. WD-40 keep flies off cows and pigeons off balconies (they hate the smell)
2. Spray WD-40 around flower beds to gently send cats away

3. Spray WD-40 along the bottom of chain-link fences that surround gardens to repel rabbits and rodents and on wire tomato cages to keep insects away
4. WD-40 removes dead insects from a car's front grill, radiator and windshield

### *If it's Scratched*

1. WD-40 cleans, restores and camouflages scratches on ceramic and marble floors.
2. It gives wood that "just waxed" sheen without making it slippery.
3. It hides small scratches on woodwork.

### *Is it Stained?*

1. WD-40 cleans piano keys, removes Kool-Aid and tomato stains from carpet and fabric.
2. It removes lipstick from anything.
3. It makes those oil stains on the concrete driveway disappear
4. It pulls hair dye out of your towels.
5. WD-40 will keep your fishing reels, lures and flies rust-and gunk free. Many fishermen report that spraying on fishing lures actually attracts fish!
6. WD-40 removes and prevents rust on anything made of metal.
7. It removes and prevents rust from forming in washing machines, on showerheads and garden tools.



## Miscellaneous Cleaner Recipes

### Glass & Windsor Cleaner

1. ½ cup ammonia
2. 1 pt rubbing alcohol
3. 1 tsp laundry detergent
4. 2 qt water

Mix the ingredients in a large bottle

Makes 2 quarts.

### Copper & Brass Spray Cleaner

1. White vinegar
2. 3 tbsp salt

Fill a small spray bottle with vinegar and add salt.

Spray the solution on copper utensils.

Let stand for a while and then rub clean

### Drain Cleaner

1. 1 cup salt
2. 1c baking soda
3. ¼ cup cream of tartar

Mix ingredients together.

Dissolve one cup of cleaner in one cup of hot water

Put in drain

When bubbling stops, rinse drain with hot water

### Appliance Spray Cleaner

1. 2 fluid ounces of rubbing alcohol
2. 7 fluid ounces sudsy ammonia
3. 11 fluid ounces of tap water

Mix ingredients together and pour into spray bottle

### Carpet Cleaner

1. 2 cups baking soda
2. ½ cup cornstarch
3. 4 to 5 bay leaves
4. 1tbsp cloves

Mix all ingredients together and store in a coffee can  
Sprinkle on carpet and let stand a couple of hours & vacuum

### Furniture Cleaner Spray

1. 1 quart mineral oil
2. 10 drops lemon extract

Mix together and put into a spray bottle

### Jewelry Cleaner

1. 3 parts ammonia
2. 1 part water
3. 2 to 3 drops of liquid dish soap

Soak jewelry a few minutes, then rinse in clear water. Do not use on pearls!

### Stainless Steel Cleaner

1. White vinegar
2. Spray bottle
3. Cleaning cloth

Fill the spray bottle with undiluted white vinegar. Then spray on all of your stainless steel surfaces, and wipe dry with a soft cleaning cloth

### How to keep line-Dried Clothes from Getting Stiff

1. Add a cup of white vinegar to your wash cycle to help dissolve the laundry detergent
2. Cut the amount of detergent that you use. Half the recommended amount is usually plenty
3. Run your clothes in the dryer for 10 minutes before putting them on the line.
4. Shake out your clothes before hanging them
5. Hang your clothes out on a windy day

### Dishwasher Detergent Recipe

1. 1 tablespoon Borax
2. 1 tablespoon baking soda

Mix together. Add to your dishwasher's detergent compartment and run as usual.

### Dishwasher Rinse Agent Substitute

1. Finish using up any commercial rinse agent that remains in your dishwasher
2. Then, fill the dispenser with white vinegar
3. Run dishwasher as usual. And fill as needed.



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