

Bi-Carb Soda (1)

Cleans, deodorises, softens water and is a good scouring powder.

Test this:

Mix salt with bi-carb soda, and using a damp cloth and circular cleaning motion, remove the crayon from the lino surface.

Other uses for Bi-Carb Soda:

- Sprinkle on carpet before vacuuming to deodorise.
- Use with a damp cloth to clean tiles, sinks, bench tops, refrigerators, ovens toilets and baths.
- Put a saucer of bi-carb soda in the fridge to absorb bad smells.
- Clean drains by mixing $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of bi-carb soda with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of salt and pouring this down the drain followed with 1.5 litres of boiling water.

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Green Cleaning and Gardening, Rivers Regional Council WA

Easy Green Cleaning, Office of Environment and Heritage NSW



Bi-Carb Soda (2)

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Test this:

Sprinkle bi-carb soda on to a damp cloth, and using a circular motion, rub tea and coffee stains from the porcelain/china cups.

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White Vinegar (1)

Vinegar contains acetic acid, which is a cleaning ingredient that cuts grease and deodorises.

Test this:

Smear some vasoline on a window, and clean it off using a cloth soaked with vinegar.

Other uses for Vinegar:

- Put equal parts vinegar and water in a kettle or urn, boil and leave overnight to remove scale.
- Combine vinegar with bi-carb soda as a foamy oven cleaner.
- Remove mould and smells from clothes by soaking in warm water with 1 cup of vinegar overnight.
- Mix 50:50 with water in a spray bottle and keep handy in the kitchen.
- Use ½ cup vinegar in place of fabric softener. It also cleans the washing machine.

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White Vinegar (2)

Vinegar contains acetic acid, which is a cleaning ingredient that cuts grease and deodorises.

Test this:

Apply some vinegar to a scrunched ball of newspaper or a microfibre cloth and use it to clean the mirror/glass.

Other uses for Vinegar:

- Put equal parts vinegar and water in a kettle or urn, boil and leave overnight to remove scale.
- Combine vinegar with bi-carb soda as a foamy oven cleaner.
- Remove mould and smells from clothes by soaking in warm water with 1 cup of vinegar overnight.
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Eucalyptus Oil

Eucalyptus oil has disinfectant and antiseptic properties.

Test this:

Apply eucalyptus oil to a cloth or ball of newspaper and use it to clean permanent text or a sticky label/tape off a plastic surface.

Other uses for Eucalyptus oil:

- Add a few drops of oil to a bucket of water to clean tiles and laminates.
- Add freshness to toilet bowls (antibacterial).
- Apply oil with a ball of newspaper to prevent bathroom mirrors from fogging up.
- Dilute oil in water and wipe on surfaces to prevent spiders from making webs.
- Use oil in wool washes to deter silverfish and moths.
- Apply a few drops directly or put oil in a spray bottle (neat or with water), spray a stain (best for removing grease, gum) then wash as usual.

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Lemon Juice

Lemon is a mild bleach, a deodorant and a cleaning agent.

Test this:

Dip half a lemon in salt and use it to polish brass, copper or chrome.
Wipe clean with a cloth.

Other uses for Lemon Juice:

- Use as a stove cleaner to cut through grease.
- Put a few slices in a kettle or urn with water, boil and leave overnight to remove scale.
- Rub chopping boards with a cut lemon to clean, use with salt to create abrasion if required.
- Add to water and use with newspaper or a microfiber cloth to clean windows.
- Use 1 cup of lemon juice in half a bucket of water and soak clothes, nappies, tea towels etc. overnight to whiten and brighten.
- Use alone or with salt to clean copper, solid brass (not plated) and chrome.

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