

DO YOUR OWN CLEANING THING

Bathroom surfaces: Dip half a lemon in borax, scrub and rinse

Cabinets: Revive dried out cabinets with a cloth moistened with olive oil

Carpet: Use club soda to flush out stains before blotting

Copper: To treat tarnish, dip half a lemon in salt, rinse and dry (This is not too clear!)

Glass: Dissolve 2 teaspoons of vinegar in 1 quart of water. Wash with sponge, dry with lint-free cloth

Metal: Remove rust with a paste of 1/2 cup of salt and 1 tablespoon of lemon juice

Stainless Steel: Lay a vinegar-soaked cloth over areas of mineral build-up; after an hour, scrub and rinse

Stone Floors: Rub stains with a paste of baking soda and water

Tile: Wipe with a solution of 1/4 cup of vinegar in 2 quarts of warm water

Vinyl Floors: Add 1 tablespoon of borax to a gallon of hot water to mop

Walls: Wipe with a dry natural rubber sponge to trap dust and cobwebs

Wood Floors: Add a spoonful of black tea wrapped in cheesecloth to warm mop water

Wood Furniture: Use a toothbrush covered with cheesecloth to dust intricate carvings