



- **Sodium hydroxide (lye):** Lung edemas and irritation of the intestines, skin, and eyes all come from exposure to sodium hydroxide.
- Disodium ethanoldiglycinate: Irritant to eyes, nose, and throat.

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- Dimethyloxazolidine: Harmful through inhalation, skin contact, and if swallowed; eye, nose, and throat irritant.
- **Methylchloroisothiazolinone:** Irritating to skin and mucous membranes-causing redness and itching; skin contact can cause burns.

DIY Green Cleaning Recipes for Wood Floor Cleaner

- 1. **Vinegar and oil wood floor cleaner:** To both clean and polish wood floors, combine equal parts white vinegar and vegetable or mineral oil. Rub into wood with a soft cloth.
- 2. Vinegar wood floor cleaner: Pour 1 cup of white vinegar into a bucket of hot water. Dip mop into cleaner and wring out so that it is damp, not dripping, and mop floors. Add 1/4 cup liquid castile soap for additional cleaning power, or substitute lemon juice for vinegar for a citrus scent.
- 3. Washing soda wood floor cleaner: Dissolve 1 tablespoon washing soda crystals into a bucket of hot water and damp mop your floors.
- 4. Borax wood floor cleaner: Pour 1/4 cup borax into a gallon of hot water. You can damp mop with this mixture without having to rinse.
- 5. Lemon and olive oil wood floor cleaner: Pour 1/2 cup lemon juice, 3/4 cup olive oil, and 1 gallon of hot water in a bucket. Apply to your floors with a damp mop.

Dig Deeper: Chemicals in Typical Wood Floor Cleaners

- Dimethyloxazolidine: Environmental Protection Agency.
- Disodium ethanoldiglycinat: Menard's Material Hazards Data Sheet.
- Sodium hydroxide: University of Maryland Medical Center.
- Methylchloroisothiazolinone: EWG's Skin Deep Cosmetics Database.

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