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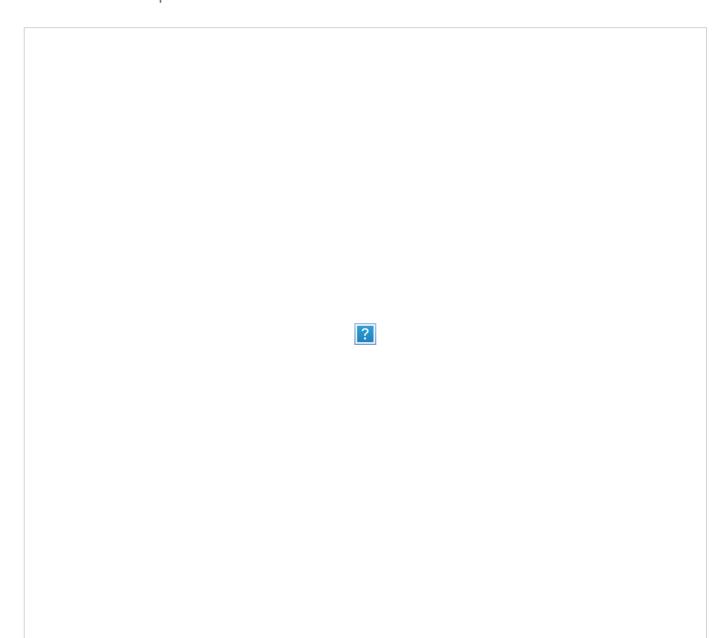
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Recipes for Natural Liquid Laundry Detergent

Clean clothes are a must, but store bought liquid laundry detergents contain many chemicals, some of which are toxic to your health. Choose homemade green cleaning recipes like our natural recipes for liquid laundry detergent that are gentle on clothes and safe humans and the planet.



Quick Facts: Health Hazards of Common Liquid Laundry **Detergents**

- Sodium laureth sulfate: This is a potential cancer-causer and will irritate skin and eyes.
- 1,4 dioxane: This common chemical will cause organ damage with prolonged exposure, including damage to the nervous system, liver, and kidneys.
- **Acetone**: This chemical is toxic to developing fetuses, as well as your skin, liver and kidneys.

DIY Green Cleaning Recipes for Liquid Laundry Detergent

- 1. Borax, washing soda, and castile soap liquid laundry detergent: Melt 2 cups of grated castile soap and add to 1 quart of boiling water. Pour mixture into a pail and add 2 cups of borax and 2 cups of washing soda crystals. Stir until dissolved; mixture will be a lumpy gel. Use 1/4 cup for each load of laundry.
- 2. Castile soap and washing soda liquid laundry detergent: Fill pail with 2 1/2 cups hot water, 1 cup washing soda crystals, and 1 cup liquid castile soap. Stir until crystals are dissolved. Use 1/2 cup per load of laundry. Add lemon or lavender essential oil if desired.
- 3. Baking soda and castile soap liquid laundry detergent. Fill a pail with 2 quarts of hot water. Add 1 box (16 oz.) baking soda and 2 cups liquid castile soap. Stir and cool. Use 1/4 cup per load.
- 4. Vinegar, borax, and castile soap liquid laundry detergent. Melt 1 bar of castile soap, or use 1 cup liquid castile soap, and pour in a large bucket. Add 1 cup of vinegar and 2 cups of borax. Blend well. Use 1/4 cup per load.

Dig Deeper: Chemicals in Typical Liquid Laundry Detergents

- 1,4-dioxane: Science Lab
- Acetone: <u>Canadian Centre For Occupational Health and Safety.</u>
- Sodium laureth sulfate: <u>Chemtrade International.</u>

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