



Regional Center for Poison Control and Prevention

Serving Massachusetts and Rhode Island



Safer Alternatives for Hazardous Household Products

AIR FRESHENER	Set vinegar out in an open dish
FURNITURE POLISH	1 teaspoon lemon oil in 1 pint mineral oil
PLANT INSECTICIDES	Spray plain with soapy water, then rinse
SPOT REMOVER	Old fashioned laundry soap takes out spots on clothing, dishwashing detergent removes spots on rugs
DRAIN CLEANER	Pour baking soda or salt down drain, follow with boiling water
ALL PURPOSE CLEANER	Use ammonia and water; soap and water
OVEN CLEANER	Use baking soda, salt and water
SILVER CLEANER	Soak silver in 1 quart warm water containing 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon salt, and a piece of aluminum foil
FERTILIZER	Use natural compost, peat, and manure
FLOOR CLEANER	Use white vinegar and water, or soap and water
WINDOW CLEANER	Use white vinegar and water, or ammonia and water, wipe with newspaper
PAINT	Use water based paints, no solvents are necessary for clean up
DO NOT USE AEROSOL CANS	Use pump spray containers
MICE & RAT KILLER	Use cheese baited traps or a large, hungry cat!
TOILET BOWL CLEANER	Use one-half cup of bleach
COPPER CLEANER	Mix vinegar and salt, rub on copper

If someone has swallowed or inhaled something that might be poisonous, call the Regional Center for Poison Control and Prevention immediately.

24-HOUR POISON HOTLINE 1-800-222-1222