



## HOUSE HOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Many of us regularly use household hazardous waste products in our homes – we use them to clean with, to keep our gardens free of pests, to keep our cars well maintained, to maintain and decorate our homes and also in our personal grooming and hygiene. Common examples of household hazardous waste include oil-based paints, some pesticides and insecticides, some cleaning products, items containing bleach and aerosols. All household hazardous waste products will contain a hazardous symbol or identifying text and if the products are not stored correctly, used correctly and disposed of correctly, they can present a hazard to our health or to our environment. These products should be used sparingly in accordance with the guidelines outlined on the packaging. Alternatively, products such as vinegar, lemons, bread soda and soda crystals, can be used to produce great results! Here are some guidelines on how they can be used:

### VINEGAR

- » For beautiful clean windows mix one part distilled white vinegar with one part water – place mixture in a spray container and use to clean your windows.
- » To remove the ring from wet glasses on wooden furniture – rub with a mix of white distilled vinegar and an equal measure of olive oil. Gently rub and polish.
- » To clean your fridge mix white distilled vinegar with an equal measure of water.
- » Wash your shower door with a mix of water and white distilled vinegar – this is great at removing residue on the glass.
- » Clean your toilet bowl by adding white distilled vinegar and brushing well with a toilet brush.
- » To remove the film around your bath, wipe the area with white distilled vinegar and then with bread soda. Rub and rinse well with water.

### BREAD SODA

- » Sprinkle into your shoes, gym bag or a clean bin to eliminate odours.
- » To give your tiles a facelift, sprinkle onto

grout, leave for a few minutes and scrub off with a toothbrush.

- » Place some in your sink, rub in and let it sit for a few minutes. Dissolve with boiling water and rinse.

### LEMONS

- » Lemon juice mixed with a little water is great to remove stains from chopping boards.
- » To clean your microwave place a quarter of an old lemon or some lemon juice with water into a microwaveable container and set on high for a few minutes and then wipe down the inside with clean dry cloth.
- » Mix some lemon juice with water and let it soak into containers to remove stains. Empty out and rub stubborn stains with bread soda and rinse.
- » Clean stubborn stains off grills with lemon juice and bread soda.

### SODA CRYSTALS

- » Soda crystals are great for cleaning your sinks and toilet bowls but follow instructions on packets.

- » Crystals can be used to wash and shine your wall tiles.
- » Soda crystals are a great grease remover in your kitchen.
- » To remove moss from your patio, sprinkle soda crystals on a dry day, leave for an hour and brush away.

To ensure that you do not damage any of your household items always follow guidelines on packets and always test any mix you make on a small test area first. If in doubt do not use.

**REMEMBER...**  
IT'S EASY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



#### FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM:

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