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All Purpose Cleaner
1 tsp dish soap
1 cup water



Tub & Shower Cleaner
¼ cup dish soap
¼ cup baking soda
2 TBS hydrogen
peroxide



Orange oil Cleaner &
Degreaser
1/8 tsp orange oil
1 cup water



Fire Ant Mound Drench
3 TBS orange oil
6 TBS water
1 gallon water



Glass Cleaner
1 part vinegar
1 part water



Insecticidal Soap
1 TBS Castille soap
1 tsp apple cider
vinegar
4 cups filtered or
distilled water

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Overview of DEQS

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Clean and Disinfect your Kitchen

- All-purpose cleaner
 - 1 tsp dish soap
 - 2 cups of water
- Glass cleaner
 - 1 part vinegar
 - 1 part water
- Disinfectants
 - Rubbing alcohol, 65%-90%
 - 30 second dwell time
 - Hydrogen peroxide
 - 1-5 minute dwell time
- Orange oil cleaner and degreaser
 - 2 ounces cold pressed orange oil
 - 1 gallon of water
 - Or, 1/8 tsp orange oil to 1 cup of water
- DIY orange cleaner
 - Fill a jar with a tight-fitting lid with orange peels and white vinegar for 30 days.
- Fire ant mound drench
 - 3 TBS orange oil
 - 6 TBS water
 - 1 gallon water
- Mesh sink strainers

Bathroom Shine on a Dime

- Tub and shower cleaner
 - ¼ cup dish soap
 - ¼ cup baking soda
 - 2 TBS hydrogen peroxide
- Grout cleaner – baking soda applied with a damp toothbrush

Laundry Hacks

- Borax is a natural deodorizer that also softens the water and boosts the cleaning power of your detergent
- Wool dryer balls with essential oils instead of fabric softener

Organic Fertilizers and Compost

- Always follow the directions on fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides
 - Don't apply more than recommended
 - Don't apply on a windy day
 - Don't apply before a rain or lawn sprinklers go off
- Fill raised bed or pots with half compost and half soil
- Compost methods
 - Compost ball
 - Compost tumbler
 - Hot
 - Cold
 - Bokashi
 - Vermicompost

Organic Pest Control

- Water to remove aphids
- Mosquito dunks in standing water
- BT for caterpillars
- Insecticidal soap
 - 1 TBS Castille soap
 - 4 cups filtered or distilled water
 - Optional: 1 tsp apple cider vinegar

Weed Control

- Pull by hand when the soil is moist
- Horticultural vinegar for broadleaf weeds

Pest Control Part 2

- BT for squash bugs and squash vine borers
- Diatomaceous Earth for hard bodied insects including ants, fleas and ticks
- Demonstration of orange oil fire ant mound drench