

Make your house cleaner and greener

Are the household cleaners you use harmful to your family's health? If the labels have words such as "caution," "warning" or "danger," the cleaners are hazardous. Try making your own all-purpose cleaner using common household items.

www.cityoftacoma.org/greenercleaners

Mix the following ingredients in a bowl or bucket:

¼ cup baking soda

½ cup borax (found in the laundry section of grocery stores)

½ cup vinegar

1 gallon water

Stir vigorously to dissolve the baking soda and borax. To make a spray cleaner, reduce the recipe and fully dissolve the ingredients to avoid clogging the spray bottle. This recipe works great on countertops, floors and walls. Use with a mop, reusable sponge or rag.



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City of Tacoma Environmental Services awards up to \$50,000 a year in environmental grants for projects aimed at preventing pollution and protecting or restoring surface water resources within Tacoma city limits. Applicants may be individuals or groups and projects may be educational.

Applications will be accepted beginning April 13. The deadline is May 15.

For more information, including grant application writing tips, project ideas, funding criteria and more, go to

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