

*Favorite  
House Cleaning  
Supplies  
&  
Products*

*A supplement to  
Secret Confessions of a Clean Freak*

# **The Well Stocked Home**

## **My Favorite Cleaning Products and Supplies**

Here's a list of the products you will need to keep your home spotless. Where a name brand is not listed, I have no real preference. Where I list a specific product it is because it works the best.

If you're not sure about a new product, many sites like Amazon and have product reviews you can read before trying something new!

### ***Keep these in (or near) the bathroom-***

- A squeegee and/or Daily Shower Spray.
- Scrubbing Bubbles
- Clorox Clean-up or Tilex mildew remover
- Glass cleaner
- Paper towels – Brawny or Bounty plain white
- Toilet bowl cleaner (The Works works the best for hard water and rust. Lysol smells the best)
- Toilet brush
- sponge
- terry cloth rags

### **Always Always read the labels on any cleaning products.**

\*Make sure you get the right formula. The original Clean Shower with the yellow label cannot be used on plastic tub or shower enclosures.

\*Magic Erasers cannot be used on high gloss finishes – semi-gloss or gloss paints, range hoods, stainless steel. I've ruined a couple of things by not reading the box first.

### **Homemade All-Purpose Cleaner**

¼ cup white vinegar

¼ cup blue Dawn dish soap

clean spray bottle

Heat vinegar in a glass measuring up in the microwave to just boiling. Microwaves vary. Just watch carefully.

Pour in the Dawn and mix well. It gets creamy.

Let it cool a minute or two.  
Pour into the spray bottle.

You can use this as an all purpose cleaner. It has spread far and wide on the internet as a magic solution for water spots on glass shower doors. I've tried it, and it did not work, and its very hard to rinse. But I have been happy with it for cleaning the stove, the range hood, stainless steel sinks, walls, and more.

### ***Keep these in the kitchen-***

- Formula 409 kitchen cleaner or Orange Fantastic or use our homemade for cleaning above cabinets if that area is open. Otherwise, you probably don't need this.
- Dawn
- Scotch Brite sponges
- glass cleaner
- paper towels
- Clorox Clean-up
- vinegar
- Soft Scrub
- Cascade with Dawn for the dishwasher
- Jet Dry Liquid
- Method granite cleaner if you have granite
- Weiman's Stainless Steel Polish and microfiber cloths if you have stainless

### ***For Floors***

Vinegar is the most versatile and safest floor cleaner. Safe on any floor. Just not great for heavy dirt. These days I only use vinegar on wood floors.

If your tile floors are really dirty, I like either Mr. Clean or Pine-Sol.

### ***You will also need-***

- Orange Pledge Polish (not oil), or your favorite scent
- Endust (for those laminate surfaces that should not be polished) \*
- Good feather duster. Mine is a Libman.
- Cut up T-shirts
- Microfiber cloths
- Good Vacuum
- Murphy's Oil Soap
- Febreze
- Lysol Spray
- Magic Eraser

You may also need a silver polish and/or a brass polish.

If you have a chandelier, the glass plus wipes are handy for a quick cleaning of the crystals without taking it all apart.

In natural products, I like the Method line. They work reasonably well and smell wonderful.

\* The all in one multi surface cleaners like Pledge Multi Surface work reasonably well – I just happen to like a nice polished look on my wood furniture.

The Windex multi-surface stinks. Leaves terrible streaks.

For major projects like wall washing PineSol works better than Mr. Clean.

Bath Cleaners - If you have hard water or rust, go with The Works or ZEP (Home Depot.) Or the green solution would be BioClean – available at Amazon.

Toilet bowl cleaners – again, if you have hard water or rust, The Works. Otherwise Lysol since it smells nice.

My favorite general bath cleaner is Scrubbing Bubbles.

My favorite daily shower spray is Method. Leaves your bathroom smelling so nice!

Ironically, the cleaner you keep your house, the less cleaners you will use. I rarely have to buy cleaners.

### **So here would be my preferred shopping list**

- Squeegee (and/or Method Daily Shower Spray)
- Tub & Tile Cleaner – Scrubbing Bubbles (or The Works if you have rust)
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner – Lysol (or The Works if you have rust)
- Scotch Brite sponges – the green ones
- Sparkle or Windex original glass cleaner
- Clorox Clean-up
- Soft Scrub
- Pledge Polish (not oil)
- Endust (for those laminate surfaces that should not be polished)
- Weiman's Lemon Oil
- Murphy's Oil Soap
- Febreze

- Lysol Spray (always good to have on hand)
- Mr. Clean or Pine-Sol
- Magic Eraser
- Dawn
- Cascade with Dawn for the dishwasher
- Jet Dry Liquid
- Granite cleaner/polish
- Weiman's Stainless Cleaner/Polish
- Electronics cloths and cleaner
- Paper towels – Brawny or Bounty, plain white
- Vinegar, plain white
- Good feather duster. Mine is Libman
- Microfiber cloths
- Cut up T-shirts
- Good Vacuum