TREAD LIGHTLY

Did you know?

- Until coconut imports became unavailable during World War II, household cleaners were made primarily of non-toxic, coconut based cleaners
- To ensure North Americans need not face uncleanly homes. scientists quickly developed current day chemical 'super detergents.'
- Cleaners now consist of petroleum, oil-derived phosphates and other nasty chemicals which are not only non-renewable resources, but also destroy the earth's delicate ecosystems and are generally harmful to humans and animals.
- Some of the chemicals in these cleaners are considered carcinogenic, and are linked to birth defects and male infertility.

The good news is you can save money, the earth and your health by using these green cleaner recipes:

All Purpose Cleaner:

Mix one teaspoon of vegetable based soap with two teaspoons of borax and enough water to fill a squirt

Eco-Bleach:

Make you whites whiter with a half a cup of baking soda, borax or white vinegar per wash load.

Ring-Around-the Tub Cleaner:

Mix baking soda and vinegar into a thick paste. Spread this on the sides and bottom of the tub and let sit for fifteen minutes. Then scrub and rinse to annihilate that offensive bathroom mold!

Window cleaner:

This one is simple — just spray white vinegar on the glass, and you can even use old newspapers instead of paper towel. Did anyone else's mom do this?

If you just cannot stand the smell of vinegar, add essential oils such as rose oil (which also happens to have cleansing properties). Good luck and happy scrubbing.

Looking for an artist!

CONTEST: for submissions of a caricature for "Green Girl" to appear regularly with the column "Ask Green Girl"

DEADLINE: Monday, October 3rd

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QUESTION:

What can I put in the curbside compost

- anonymous.

ANSWER:

Thanks so much for your question, Ms. Anonymous! For those of you who are completely composting illiterate, I shall provide a short definition. Composting is the process of decomposing organic material into a soil-like product called humus (not to be confused with the much more tasty and palatable hummous). This end product can be used as an excellent, earth-friendly fertilizer. The Halifax

Regional Municipality now has two large centralized composting facilities to handle the curbside composting program. This initiative, along with curbside recycling, has resulted in thirty-five percent of waste in Nova Scotia being diverted from land-fill sites, and used for practical purposes.

But I digress — compostable materials include the following:

- Fruits and vegetables
- Baked goods, pasta and rice
- Tea bags, coffee grounds and filters Egg shells
- Organic yard waste
- Meat, fish, bones and dairy products
- and some non-recyclable paper products such as toilet paper rolls, egg cartons and wax paper

Remember, the only purpose of my abstract existence is to answer your questions without them my life is meaningless! Drop off your queries at the Gazette office. Tell them I



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WANTED:

The whereabouts of these environmental activists I have heard so much about. Where are they when an editor desperately needs writers? Is this not the perfect forum to put out your environment message?

If you see anyone who seems to care about the earth, humans and animals, please send them to SUB 312, preferably during Gazette meetings on Monday afternoons at 4:30. (Although anytime is acceptable as beggars cannot be choosers!)

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