



Things you didn't know about spring cleaning



With the end of winter finally in sight, it's time to think about putting on those rubber gloves and rolling up our sleeves for the annual tradition of the top to bottom spring clean. There's no need to spend a fortune on expensive cleaning products when everything you need can be found around the house! All you need to do is raid your kitchen cupboards, grab a few ingredients and get cleaning.

Windows Cleaning:

Make sure you make the most of the brighter evenings with crystal clear windows.

Ingredients and equipment

- Vinegar - half a cup
- Water - two cups
- A dash of liquid soap
- One empty spray bottle



Method

Take the top off your empty spray bottle and pour in the water. Mix in your vinegar and then squeeze in a few drops of liquid soap. Shake well, replace the lid and there you have it; a natural and chemical-free window cleaner. Remember to label and keep away from the kids.

Sparkling Ovens:

The oven is usually the one thing we all dread cleaning – who wouldn't after a season of winter roasts and bubbling stews? Follow this creative step-by-step guide to get your oven back to its best.

Ingredients and equipment

- Bicarbonate of soda - a few tea spoons
- Water
- Rubber gloves
- Scrubbing brush



Method

Mix the bicarbonate of soda with a little water to create a paste. Ensure the oven is switched off and smear the paste inside and on the inside of the oven door. Leave for a few hours or overnight to remove all grime. Wipe off with a damp cloth for a sparkling clean oven, all ready for the spring season.

Damp or Mould:

There's enough damp outside without having to deal with it inside our homes as well. It's unattractive, unhealthy and can become quite an expensive repair job if it isn't dealt with quickly and regularly.

Mould is usually more of a problem in the colder months so try this easy remedy up to once or twice a week during this time and it should keep it away for a few months. In the warmer weeks, once a month or just when the mould reappears, will be fine.



Ingredients and equipment

- One empty paint tin
- One pint of water
- Half as much PVA glue
- A paint brush

Method

Clean the mould off and allow to dry. Make sure that the empty paint tin is thoroughly rinsed so that there's no paint left inside (alternatively you could use an old bucket). Pour in the water and mix in the PVA glue thoroughly. Paint over and around the damp patches on your walls and leave to dry. As its PVA glue it won't stain and it works effectively as a drying agent whilst also killing mould.

