

## Household Elf

# Homemade Sprays

You can make your own sprays at home with simple ingredients. They cost less than those from the store and don't use any harmful chemicals.

### Glass Cleaner

Put 1 cup of water into a plastic spray bottle. Add 1 cup rubbing (isopropyl) alcohol and 1 tablespoon of white vinegar. Use the mixture to make windows and mirrors sparkle!

### Gardening Spray

Put 1 cup dish soap, 1 cup vegetable oil,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup baking soda,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup skim milk, and 1 tablespoon of water into a plastic spray bottle. The mixture includes things that insects don't like, so spray on plants to safely keep bugs away. Be sure to test one or two leaves first to make sure the mixture will not bother the plant. Because the milk will sour, pour out the mixture and clean the bottle when you are finished.

### Tile Cleaner

Pour 1 cup of white vinegar and 1 cup of water into a plastic spray bottle and shake. Use the mixture to safely clean kitchen and bathroom counters and tiles.

### FUN FACT

White vinegar dissolves dirt, soap scum, and hard-water deposits from smooth surfaces. It's also a natural deodorizer—it will absorb odors instead of covering them with perfume-y smells. (The vinegar smell disappears when it dries, too.)