# low cost cleaning is easy



## BANISHING 'PUBLIC TOILET' SMELL

I have discovered the cheapest solution to preventing our bathroom at home from smelling like a public toilet! Having two boys who need to learn how to 'aim' a bit better, I needed to come up with a solution fast - and found one! I simply clean the toilet and floor tiles with a bucket of vinegar and water. You don't need much vinegar, but I have found that it really takes the urine smell away well and is a cheap and safe way of cleaning the toilet too!

Contributed by: Edwina Hickey

#### SPARKLING WINDSCREEN

Try this for a sparkling windscreen, headlights and grill: 3 tbsp bicarbonate soda, mixed with one cup of warm water. Wipe on windscreen, leave for a few minutes and wash off. Removes grime, mess and splattered 'hoppers' easily! Contributed by: Jan Ashe

# **BUDGET ALL-PURPOSE CLEANER**

To make an all-purpose household cleaner, pour half a cup of vinegar into a spray bottle, fill the bottle up with cold water and then add about one teaspoon of ammonia. Shake the bottle and use this to clean kitchen benchtops, stoves, windows and bathrooms. It is especially great for dirty saucepans — spray or pour some of the mixture on to the offending scum, then leave for a few minutes. If the scum still sticks, cover it with the mixture and leave it overnight; it then washes off with very little effort. Contributed by: Barb Halikas

#### **HEAVY DUTY CLEANER**

Four litres hot water, 1/4 cup cloudy ammonia and one teaspoon bi-carb soda make a great heavy duty cleaner. Double ingredients except water for a stronger mixture.

Contributed by: Margaret Van Emmerik

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## **REMOVING BLOOD FROM SHEETS**

My husband suffers from psoriasis (skin disease) which makes his arms bleed in his sleep. It was costing me money to constantly replace the queen sized sheet as blood is hard to get out. I discovered that if you soak the affected area in milk, the blood dissolves from your sheets. This has saved me heaps of money. You then just wash the sheet in your normal wash. For an added bonus you can scrub it before with a little sugar. No more wasted sheets! Contributed by: Linda Davis

#### **EASY CLEAN MICROWAVE**

An easy way to clean and deodorise your microwave is to put half a cup of water in a dish with one tablespoon of baking soda in the microwave. Cook on high for one minute. The steam from the water loosens the dirt and makes it easy to wipe away. Contributed by: Lexie Walker

#### **REMOVING STUBBORN STAINS**

To save money on expensive stain removers, a cup of salt or sugar added to the wash removes oily or buttery stains from clothes or tablecloths. It is best if you can sprinkle some of it straight on the stains. Even old stains which have been washed several times already come out! Give it a try, it is a very cheap and effective remedy. Contributed by: Helen Muscat

