HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS AND THEIR USES

Keeping the house clean and safe is a major job. Fortunately, there are a ton of cleaners out there on the market that help us to get the job done quickly and easily.

Even this bear living in the woods has to pull out the old cloth and bleach from time to time. So I know very well how important it is to use the right cleaner on the right surface.

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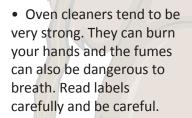


EARN THIS NUGGET

Gather all the household cleaners. Write a label for each describing the purpose of it, what it's used for, how it should be used, and what you should be careful of when you use it. Have your parents review.

- First, you have your all-purpose cleaners. Some are abrasive, which means they mildly scratch the surface to scratch that grime away. Be careful with abrasive cleaners, they will ruin some surfaces.
- There are some specialty cleaners that will be labeled for kitchen or bathroom. Perhaps, these are formulated to best work in those environments. For instance, they may be hard surface cleaners with disinfecting ingredients.
- Bleaches can be used to eliminate stains, disinfect, and poured down toilets to kill bacteria. It will also strip color from clothing and carpets, so be warned.

Never use a cleaner containing bleach near fabrics, or even wipe your hands on your clothes. You may not notice it immediately, but next time they come out of the wash, you'll discover how effective bleach can be.



• Dusting products tend to be aerosol or have a trigger. Usually scented, these go a long way to freshening a room as well as making furniture sparkle.



There are, of course, many other cleaners out there, far too many to mention. The point is, RockHopper, that you don't blindly grab a cleaner and start using it. Read the instructions carefully and consult your parents.