

Homemade Window Cleaning Solutions with Ammonia

Homemade Ammonia cleaners are easy to make, less toxic, and definitely more economical. Ammonia cleans windows without the streaking that commonly occurs when using vinegar and water alone. Sometimes a little added liquid dish detergent is necessary to cut through the dirt and residue left behind by commercial cleaners. The following Ammonia recipes will leave your windows clean and streak free.

1. Gallon Mixture

1/2 cup ammonia
1 cup vinegar
1 teaspoon liquid dish detergent
Add water to make 1 gallon of window cleaner

For a more intense cleaning

2. Gallon Mixture

1/2 cup ammonia
2 cups rubbing alcohol 70% isopropyl
1 teaspoon liquid dish detergent
Add water to make 1 gallon of window cleaner

To clean the windows:

Spray the windows with your homemade window cleaner solution. Instead of using paper towels that are expensive use a piece crumpled newspaper to prevent streaking and to give the glass a polished look. To keep the cleaner from drying too quickly avoid cleaning your windows when the sun is shining directly on them.

Storage and Caution

Use reusable spray bottles for storing the cleaner. Label the bottles with ingredients and always keep out of reach of children. Taken internally rubbing alcohol and ammonia are poisons.

Tip

Clean the bath tub with baking soda and liquid dish soap. Sprinkle baking soda on the tub, add a squirt of liquid dish detergent and scrub with a sponge. Rinse well.