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An easy way to reduce the number of chemicals that you have to dispose of, is to try to use non-hazardous products when you can. Lemon juice, vinegar, hot water, borax, soap, and baking soda are good alternatives, and there are many recipes online. Our favorite is this all-purpose cleaner that you can prepare and use by adding to a spray bottle: $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vinegar and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup baking soda mixed into $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon of water. **You also might find that these non-toxic cleaners are not only easier on local waters but also are easier on your wallet!**

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