



Mold and mildew fighters you can live with

So many commercial products for removing mold and mildew carry stern warnings about how they may be used. At the same time, we're learning that some molds can cause allergic reactions. Here's a way that you may be able to eradicate mold and mildew in a user-friendly manner!

Use 10 drops of tea tree essential oil (*melaleuca alternifolia*) and 10 drops of lemon eucalyptus essential oil (*eucalyptus citriodora*) to 1 cup of water, vinegar, borax or jojoba oil. Lemon Eucalyptus is one of the most effective oils for killing fungus. The base you use depends on what you are cleaning.

For carpet, add the essential oils to 1 cup of borax. Sprinkle over carpet and vacuum.

For wood, add the essential oils to 1 cup of jojoba oil. Moisten a cloth with the oil and wipe thoroughly. Jojoba oil is not greasy.

For glass, add the essential oils to 1 cup of vinegar. Moisten a lint-free cloth and clean.

For walls, baseboards, and similar surfaces, add the oils to 1 cup of water.

*** Make sure no one in the home is sensitive to these oils by allowing those you share a space with to smell the blend before you use and test all furniture finishes.**

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