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**Green cleaning tips for your home**

- Remove household odours naturally by boiling a cup of water and 1/4 cup vinegar. Simmer for 30-60 minutes to remove odours.
- Sprinkle baking soda on your carpet to soak up nasty winter odours and then vacuum.
- Use tea to clean wood floors. Brew two teabags in hot water and cool at room temperature before using.
- Make your own environmentally-friendly drain cleaner by pouring 1/2 cup of baking soda down the drain, followed by 1/2 cup vinegar. Let fizz for a few minutes, then pour down a kettle full of boiling water. (NC)

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