



A GUIDE
TO LAUNDRY
AND
HOUSEHOLD
USES.



Baby Clothes

Wash linens, bibs, slips and cotton crib liners in hot water, adding 1/2 cup 20 MULE TEAM® Borax Natural Laundry Booster and detergent.



IN THE LAUNDRY

The Regular Wash

20 MULE TEAM® Borax acts as a water conditioner, boosting the cleaning power of detergent by controlling alkalinity, deodorizing the clothes and aiding the removal of stains and soil. Add 1/2 cup 20 MULE TEAM® Borax Natural Laundry Booster to each washload along with the recommended amount of detergent. For large - capacity machines (over 12 lbs.) and front - loading machines, add 3/4 cup.

Diapers & Baby Clothes

Diapers and baby clothes will get a cleaning boost when soaked and washed with 20 MULE TEAM® Borax. It helps get rid of odors, reduces staining and makes diapers more absorbent. Flush out heavily soiled diapers and begin soaking them as soon as possible, using 1/2 cup Borax for each diaper pail of warm water. Follow soaking with a hot water wash, adding 1/2 cup 20 MULE TEAM® Borax along with the recommended amount of detergent.

NOTE: Never leave open buckets containing liquids where children can reach them. They pose a drowning hazard.

Delicate Hand Washables

Delicate hand washables are best cared for by dissolving 1/4 cup 20 MULE TEAM® Borax and 1-2 tablespoons detergent in a basin of warm water and soaking them for 10 minutes. Rinse in clear, cool water, blot with a towel, lay flat (woolens) or hang to dry (away from sunlight and direct heat).



Cleaning Cookware

***20 MULE TEAM®
Borax Natural
Laundry Booster is
a mild and gentle
cleaner for porce-
lain and aluminum
cookware.***

***Sprinkle it on pots
and pans as you
would a dry
cleanser and rub
with a damp dish-
cloth. No need to
worry about
scratching, 20
MULE TEAM®
Borax is not
abrasive. Rinse
thoroughly.***

IN THE KITCHEN

Fine China

Your fine china will shine brilliantly when rinsed in a solution of 20 MULE TEAM® Borax (1/2 cup in a sinkful of warm water). Designs on hand-painted china will not fade using this method. Give china a second thorough rinse with clear water.

Refrigerators

20 MULE TEAM® Borax Natural Laundry Booster is excellent for cleaning and deodorizing your refrigerator. Lingering odors and spilled food can be washed away with a sponge or soft cloth using a solution of 1 quart warm water and 1 tablespoon 20 MULE TEAM® Borax. Rinse with cold water.

Garbage Pails

Deodorize your garbage pails with 20 MULE TEAM® Borax. After washing the empty pail with a solution of 20 MULE TEAM® Borax Natural Laundry Booster and warm water, sprinkle a little dry 20 MULE TEAM® Borax in the bottom of the dry pail. Then as the pail becomes full, repeat the process to minimize spoiled food odors.

The same procedure can be used for outdoor trash barrels, especially during warm weather months.

Garbage Disposals

20 MULE TEAM® Borax Natural Laundry Booster helps deodorize food waste disposals by neutralizing acidic odors. Sprinkle 2-3 tablespoons in the drain, let stand for at least 15 minutes, then flush with water with the disposal on. This treatment can also be used in regular sink drains.



IN THE HOUSEHOLD

Humidifiers

To help keep the water in your humidifier free of odor, dissolve one tablespoon of 20 MULE TEAM® Borax per gallon of water before adding to the unit. Be sure to rinse out the 20 Mule Team® Borax / water mixture prior to use. This treatment can be completed once or twice a year to clean out the humidifier.

Spills & Stains

A number of spills on carpets or upholstery will cause stains or leave odors. 20 MULE TEAM® Borax can help on a few of these problem stains. Before treating carpet or upholstery, test an unexposed area with a 20 MULE TEAM® paste to make sure the dye is colorfast to spot treatments. For problem wet areas, blot up spill, sprinkle on 20 MULE TEAM® to cover area, let dry and vacuum. For wine and alcohol stains, dissolve 1/2 cup 20 MULE TEAM® Borax in a pint of warm water. Sponge in the solution, wait 1/2 hour then shampoo the spotted area. For pet urine and sour milk odors, use same procedure as listed for mattress odors.

NOTE: Your chances of success are better the sooner you treat tough stains.

Mattress Odors

Urine odors from mattresses and mattress covers may be neutralized by dampening the spot and sprinkling 20 MULE TEAM® Borax over it. Rub into the areas and let dry. Brush or vacuum to remove the dry 20 MULE TEAM® Borax.

IN THE BATHROOM

For Shower, Tub & Tile

Porcelain enamel surfaces will sparkle when washed with a solution of 20 MULE TEAM® Borax Natural Laundry Booster and warm water. Sprinkle on a damp sponge or soft cloth and use as you would a powdered cleanser. This can even be used on fiberglass surfaces without scratching. Rinse thoroughly.

Toilet Bowl

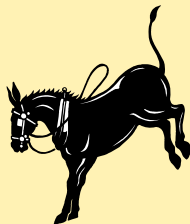
To deodorize your toilet bowl, sprinkle in 1/4 cup of 20 MULE TEAM® Borax. Swish with your toilet brush and let stand for at least 30 minutes (overnight is even better). Toilet bowl brushes can benefit from an occasional 20 MULE TEAM® Borax Natural Laundry Booster soak as well.



Hair Brushes

A refreshing bath for hair brushes consisting of a basin full of warm water, 1 tablespoon detergent and 1/2 cup of 20 MULE TEAM® Borax will clean brushes and leave them smelling fresh. Swish brushes in the sudsy water, rinse and let dry.

*Put a Kick
in Your
Laundry Detergent
with 20 Mule Team®
Borax*



Flower Preserving

Fresh cut flowers of many varieties may be permanently preserved in 20 MULE TEAM® Borax. Flower preserving with Borax removes the moisture from blossoms and leaves, thereby preventing the wilting which would normally result. Two different mixtures (by weight) are recommended: 2 parts 20 MULE TEAM® Borax Natural Laundry Booster; 1 part dry white sand, or 1 part 20 MULE TEAM® Borax, 2 parts corn meal.



ARTS & CRAFTS

Directions for Flower Preserving

Begin by cutting flowers which are as free from surface moisture as possible. The stem may be left attached or removed below base of the calyx. (Calyx is the green leafy part of the flower -- a cup-like area above the stem.)

Sprinkle 20 MULE TEAM® Borax mixture into an empty box (a shoe box is ideal) and place flower and leaves, if desired, on the mixture. Then gently cover the flower with additional mixture, being careful not to crush or distort the petals. Some flowers that have a large number of overlapping petals, such as roses and carnations, are best treated by sprinkling mixture directly into the blossom before placing them into the box. When completely covered, there should be no air space around the flower. For easy removal, use two flowers per box maximum, depending on flower size.

Seal the box with tape and store at room temperature in a dry place for 7 to 10 days.

(Experimentation will perhaps shorten this waiting period by several days depending on climate and type of flower.)

After flowers are dried, remove by slowly pouring the mixture from the box until enough of the flower appears and can be secured with two fingers. Pour off remaining mixture until flower can be removed without damage. Clean off

Origin of Borax

Borax first appeared in history approximately 4,000 years ago. It is a naturally occurring mineral composed of sodium, boron, oxygen and water. Borax is generally found embedded deep in the ground, along with clay and other substances.

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Flower Preserving (continued)

any clinging materials with a soft artist's brush. Whole petals which have been broken off may be glued back in place. The mixture may be used over again. Strain it to remove flower and foliage debris, then store in a cool, dry place.

NOTE: *This process may not work on flowers which have been cut and placed in a water solution or a preservative intended to keep them fresh. Cut flowers purchased from florists, for example, may not be suitable for this process if such a solution has been used.*

Candlewicks

If you make your own candles, here's a special treatment for the wicks that will help reduce ash and eliminate smoke problems.

Dissolve 1 tablespoon of table salt and 3 tablespoons of 20 MULE TEAM[®] Borax Natural Laundry Booster in one cup of warm water. Soak heavy twine, such as butcher's twine for large candles, in the solution for at least 24 hours. Allow twine to thoroughly dry before using to make candles. If you don't have a candle recipe on file, consult your local library for information. They probably have an abundance of good references in their arts and crafts division.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Uses of Borax

Borates, borax and boron compounds are with us throughout our lives. Mothers use it to soak and wash diapers and other laundry, but it's also an ingredient in cosmetics, medicines, ceramics and building materials. The biggest industrial user of borates is the glass industry (especially fiberglass), and it's an important ingredient in agricultural chemicals and fire retardants.

In earlier times, 20 MULE TEAM® Borax was proclaimed to be a magical crystal and was used to aid digestion, keep milk sweet and even cure epilepsy. Common sense and modern technology have brought us better solutions to these and other problems, but 20 MULE TEAM® Borax still has a place in your home. These pages contain some ideas to get you started.

REMEMBER: Keep 20 MULE TEAM® Borax out of reach of children. We also recommend labeling any containers containing 20 MULE TEAM® Borax solutions to identify the contents.

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