



Bee Safe Insecticide Recipe

Essential Oil Solution

Cedarwood 10 mL

Lavender 20mL

Peppermint 20mL

Rosemary Tea (optional strengthener) 450mL

Dish soap

Dawn readily available and pretty safe, if possible find products that are “fragrance free”

Warm water

Directions:

Add 20 mL of the essential oil solution, 1 Tsp. of dish soap, and fill to line with warm water

Apply directly to insects on your plants or to pests in your home

Shake well before spraying

Insect Repellents Guide:

- Choose oils or lotions rather than sprays, which produce fine particles that are easily inhaled.
- Do not apply repellents to broken skin.
- When food is being served nearby, be sure to stay well away from preparation and serving areas while applying repellents.
- Wash your hands immediately after applying insect repellents.
- Do not allow children to apply their own repellent, and do not apply repellents containing DEET or other pesticides directly to children’s skin. If you use such products, they can be applied to clothing instead.*
- Do not use sunscreen/repellent combinations. Sunscreen needs to be reapplied more often than repellents, so the combination products can result in overexposure to pesticides.
- Wash off all repellent from skin and clothing immediately after coming indoors.

***Citronella can be applied directly to the skin and is competitive with DEET on efficacy. DEET is a neurotoxin so, should you decide to go that route, just be cognizant of where and how much is applied.**



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<u>Ant Bait</u>	<u>Mold and Mildew Killer</u>	<u>Herbal Insect Repellent</u>	<u>Multi-Purpose Cleaner</u>
<p>3 cups water 1 cup sugar 4 tsp. borax</p> <p>Mix together and place the mixture in 3 to 6 screw-top jars. Loosely pack with cotton wool. Screw the lids on tightly and seal with tape. Poke holes in the lid and place near points of entry, or along ant trails for best results. Boric acid (borax) is safe to handle, but inhaling large amounts can irritate the respiratory tract. Clearly label the jar as POISON and keep away from pets and curious children.</p>	<p>½ cup white vinegar ½ cup borax 2 cups warm water</p> <p>Pour or spray onto moldy area and let sit for a few minutes, then scrub off with a brush. If mildew is still visible, repeat application. Do not save leftover mixture.</p> <p>-- <i>Alternative</i> – 2 tsp tea tree oil 2 cups water Combine in a spray bottle, shake to blend, and spray on problem areas. Do not rinse. The strong smell of tea tree oil will dissipate after a day or two. This spray has a long shelf life.</p>	<p>15 drops lavender oil 15 drops tea tree oil 10 drops citronella oil 10 drops eucalyptus oil 10 drops cedarwood oil</p> <p>In a one-ounce plastic squeeze bottle, mix these with your favorite unscented skin oil (olive oil works fine). Not recommended for pregnant women. Keep out of eyes. Try a small amount on your wrist first to check for skin sensitivities. Experiment with other ingredients to develop your own blend!</p>	<p>2 tsp borax 1 tsp baking soda ½ tsp liquid soap ½ tsp lemon juice 2 cups hot water</p> <p>Mix together and place the solution in a spray bottle. Use as a general multi-purpose surface cleaner.</p>

