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20 MULE TEAM[®]



BORAX



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A GUIDE TO LAUNDRY AND HOUSEHOLD USES



IN THE LAUNDRY

safe for all machines |  compatible

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 by hand or in washing machine, adding 1/2 cup 20 MULE TEAM® Borax along with the recommended amount of detergent and rinsing thoroughly.

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).

Baby Clothes

Wash linens, bibs, slips and cotton crib liners in hot water by hand or in washing machine, adding 1/2 cup 20 MULE TEAM® Borax along with the recommended amount of detergent and rinsing 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



Clean and deodorize your empty garbage pails with a solution of 20 MULE TEAM® Borax and warm water. Rinse thoroughly.

Dishwasher



Boost the cleaning power of your dishwashing detergent by removing hard water minerals & residues from the wash water. Add 1/4 cup of 20 MULE TEAM® Borax in the bottom of the dishwasher to reduce spots and film from dishes and glasses.

Cleaning Cookware

20 MULE TEAM® Borax is a mild and gentle cleaner for porcelain and aluminum cookware. Sprinkle it on pots and pans as you would a dry cleanser and rub with a damp dishcloth. Rinse thoroughly.

IN THE HOUSEHOLD

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. 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.

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

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 BATHROOM



For Shower, Tub & Tile

Porcelain enamel surfaces will sparkle when washed with a solution of 20 MULE TEAM® Borax 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 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 thoroughly, rinse and let dry.

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, out of reach of children and pets, 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 any

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, 1 part dry white sand, or 1 part 20 MULE TEAM® Borax, 2 parts corn meal.



Flower Preserving (continued)

clinging materials with a soft artist's brush. Whole petals that 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 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.

For more information on Borax, visit www.borax.com.



All Natural, Always Has Been™

The 20 MULE TEAM® Borax saga begins with the discovery of borax in California in 1881 – and the resourceful method used to transport it from the mines in Death Valley to the railhead at Mojave.

William T. Coleman, owner of the Old Harmony Borax Works, took on this Herculean task. After observing less than effective hauling methods using 8 and 12 mules, he devised a plan to hook up a total of 20 – giving him the ability to move an astonishing 20 tons of Borax!

Though the route consisted of desolate mountains and scorching desert, more than 20 million pounds of borax were hauled. Now recognized as one of the most remarkable transportation feats in the century's history, the legend is just one more reason 20 MULE TEAM® Borax has been a trusted household name for more than 100 years.

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