

Lisa Bronner's

DILUTIONS CHEAT SHEET

PURE-CASTILE BAR SOAP



Dilutions use Dr. Bronner's Pure-Castile Bar Soap either whole, grated or soap cream, as noted:

- **Grated bar soap:** Grate bar soap with a medium-to-fine kitchen grater. Dissolves best in warm to hot water.
- **Soap cream:** Dice bar soap into ½-inch cubes. Soak in 4 c. (960 mL) water for 24 hours. Blend in blender on lowest speed to create a foamy gel. Alternatively, grate bar soap and blend with 4 c. (960 mL) warm (not steamy) water in blender on lowest speed. (See blog post for more detailed instructions.)

BODY USES

Hands-face-body: Lather Pure-Castile Bar Soap on wet hands or washcloth.

Makeup removal: Wet face and lather bar soap on to hands. Massage into skin. Rinse.

Hair: Rub wet bar soap into very wet hair. Lather and rinse. Follow with Dr. Bronner's Citrus Organic Hair Rinse or diluted apple cider vinegar.

Bath: Add 4 Tbsp. (60 mL) grated bar soap or ½ c. (120 mL) soap cream to running warm bath water. (Doesn't bubble, but still cleans.)

Shaving: Lather bar on area to create creamy foam. Or, cut to fit as a shaving cake in bottom of shaving cup. Whip up lather with wet shaving brush.

Teeth: Cut a portion of bar to dedicate to toothbrushing. Swipe toothbrush on bar and brush to teeth. Rinse.

Foot bath: Add 1 Tbsp. (15 mL) grated bar soap in a small tub of very warm water. Swish to dissolve.

HOUSEHOLD USES

Dishes (handwashing): Best—Rub dishcloth or brush on bar soap. Or, add 2 Tbsp. (30 mL) grated bar soap or ¼ c. (60 mL) soap cream to about 1 ½ gallons (6 L) very warm running water. Swish to dissolve.

Laundry: Recommended in hot and warm water only. Not recommended for HE. Use Dr. Bronner's Liquid Castile or Sal Suds in cold water and HE.

- **Grated bar soap:** In a food processor, combine one grated bar of soap with 4 c. (960 mL) baking soda. Pulse to blend. Use ¼ - ⅓ c. (60-80 mL) per large load.

- **Soap cream:** Use ½ c. (120 mL) for a large load. Add ½ c. (120 mL) baking soda to wash cycle.
- **For either method:** add 1 c. (240 mL) vinegar to the rinse cycle.

Handwashing delicates: In 1 gallon (4L) cold water, lather bar soap with hands until the water is slightly soapy. Swish garment gently. Let soak 10 minutes. Swish again. Rinse with clean water. Gently press out excess water with a towel. Hang or lay flat to dry.

Mopping (wood, laminate & stone flooring): Add 1 Tbsp. (15 mL) grated bar soap or ¼ c. (60 mL) soap cream to 1 gallon (4 L) hot water. Dunk mop and wring thoroughly. On wood and laminate, avoid excess water.

All-Purpose Cleaning Spray: Dissolve 1/4 c. (60 mL) soap cream in 1 3/4 c. (420 mL) warm water. Whisk to blend. For extra antimicrobial, add 10 drops tea tree essential oil.

Windows: Dissolve 1 Tbsp. (15 mL) soap cream in 16 oz. (500 mL) warm water in a spray bottle. Spray window and squeegee. Follow with spray of club soda or vinegar/water. Wipe dry.

Toilet: Spray toilet bowl thoroughly with All-Purpose Spray (above) with optional ¼ tsp. (1.25 mL) tea tree oil added. Sprinkle baking soda on toilet brush, scrub bowl, let sit 10 minutes, flush.

OTHER USES

Fruit & veggie wash: Lather bar soap with hands into a bowl of water. Dunk produce and swish. Rinse in clear water.

Dog washing: Wet dog thoroughly. Massage bar in fur to create good lather. Rinse thoroughly. As with people, avoid soap in eyes and water in ears.*

Cleaning makeup brushes: Wet makeup brush thoroughly. Lather soap in hands and massage gently through bristles for 10+ seconds. Rinse and air dry.

Ant spray (not on plants): Dissolve ½ c. (120 mL) soap cream in 3 ½ c. (840 mL) of water.

*Avoid using Tea Tree to wash your pets, as tea tree oil can be toxic to them.



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