

## Live Greener!

There are many choices we can all make that will help us live more environmentally sustainable lives, with a gentler impact on our homes and our planet. As Pesach approaches, many Jews rid their homes of chametz (all leavened and flour-filled foods); others may choose to clean their homes in other ways. One way is to consider replacing one or more items we use that are not environmentally-friendly (chemical or plastic, for instance) with something more sustainable, less disposable, or easier on our water supply or our bodies. Below are several ideas to give you some inspiration.

### *Buy greener!*

- Instead of hard-plastic gallon jugs of liquid laundry detergent, investigate powdered products packed in recyclable cardboard or lighter-weight plastic bags (e.g., [Charlie's Soap](#), or check your local grocery store)
- Consider [detergent sheets](#)
- Switch from individual toothpaste, dental floss, or deodorant purchases to refillable ones (see [here](#), [here](#), or [here](#)) - some even have subscription services so they'll automatically arrive at your home every couple of months.
- If you can find a [local source](#), even better!

### *Make your own!*

Unfortunately, buying “more green” can also **cost** “more green” - so perhaps take a different approach! This might sound a little intimidating, but really, it isn't! The Internet is full of ideas for how to live a little more green by making your own consumables, and the ingredients are easily obtainable. Parents might enjoy enlisting their young ones in the DIY effort before teaching them how to clean the bathroom!

- [Lemon Eucalyptus Toilet Bombs](#)
- [Orange Wax Wood Polish](#)
- [Nontoxic Oven Cleaner](#)
- [Homemade Sage & Lavender Deodorant](#)
- [DIY Beeswax Wraps](#)

Happy “Greening”!