



Top Ten Tips to Preventing Household Waste

- 1. Knowledge is power** – learn more about ingredients and labels on everyday home and garden products– don't be misled by labeling, ask the retailer for advice when choosing alternatives.
- 2. Check out** alternative environmental products to those you would normally buy especially for cleaning, decorating & gardening and personal products.
- 3. Don't be hasty** - Use up all the existing hazardous products you have – dispose of the residue and packaging carefully at your local Civic Amenity Centre.
- 4. Save money** by only buying what you need: larger quantities or buy one get one free offers may appear economical but end up being costly if never used. Or if bulk buying share with a friend or neighbour.
- 5. Less is more:** dilute cleaning products properly, use personal, household and garden products that contain chemicals sparingly, **CAUTION:** you may need to use a little more elbow grease!!
- 6. Always** have a supply of “wonder” products at

hand – we have listed 20 uses for Soda Crystals, there are lots more besides. These environmentally friendly options are multi-tasking and very cheap in comparison to commercial brands.

- 7. Check out** the web and your local library for advice and assistance on switching to environmental alternatives and living with less hazardous waste.
- 8. Eliminate** certain hazardous wastes entirely such as household batteries by investing in a recharger and rechargeable batteries.
- 9. Always** choose packaging that is easily recyclable, pump action sprays are better than aerosols and avoid disposal products such as antibacterial or bleach wipes for household cleaning purposes.
- 10. Join an Environmental Group** or take a night class to learn more about green living and gardening: it's better for you, your pocket and of course the environment! Spread the word amongst family & friends – **its hip to be green.**

