

20 Mule Team –

Borax Uses

Found with the laundry detergents at your local Walmart

Keep away weeds and ants

Get the jump on those weeds that grow in the cracks of the concrete outside your house by sprinkling borax into all the crevices where you've seen weeds grow in the past. It will kill them off before they have a chance to take root. When applied around the foundation of your home, it will also keep ants and other six-legged intruders from entering your house. But be very careful when applying borax -- it is toxic to plants.

Eliminate urine odor on mattresses

Toilet training can be a rough experience for all the parties involved. If your child has an "accident" in bed, here's how to get rid of any lingering smell: Dampen the area, then rub in some borax. Let it dry, then vacuum up the powder.

Remove mildew from fabric

To remove mildew from upholstery and other fabrics, soak a sponge in a solution of 1/2 cup borax dissolved in 2 cups hot water, and rub it into the affected areas. Let it soak in for several hours until the stain disappears, then rinse well. To remove mildew from clothing, soak it in a solution of 2 cups borax in 2 quarts (2 liters) water.

Deodorize cat filler. Mix one-and-a-half cups 20 Mule Team Borax to every five pounds of cat filler to reduce and control odor in the cat box.

Clean a metal coffee pot. Fill the percolator with water and add one teaspoon 20 Mule Team Borax and one teaspoon detergent powder. Boil the water, let the mixture sit for a few minutes, then rinse clean.

Make children's clothing flame retardant. Mix together nine ounces 20 Mule Team Borax and four ounces boric acid in one gallon water. If the article is washable, soak in the solution after final rinsing, then dry. If the garment is not washable, spray with the solution. This solution, recommended by fire departments, may wash out of clothing and should be used after each washing or dry cleaning.

Make your own automatic dishwashing soap. Use equal parts 20 Mule Team Borax and washing soda.

Reduce ash and eliminate smoke problems from candlewicks in homemade candles.

Dissolve one tablespoon of table salt and three tablespoons 20 Mule Team Borax in one cup of

warm water. Soak heavy twine in the solution for at least 24 hours. Allow the twine to dry thoroughly before using to make candles.