

Protect Your Family's Health from Toxic Chemicals in Cleaning Products

Learn how to make your own household cleaners

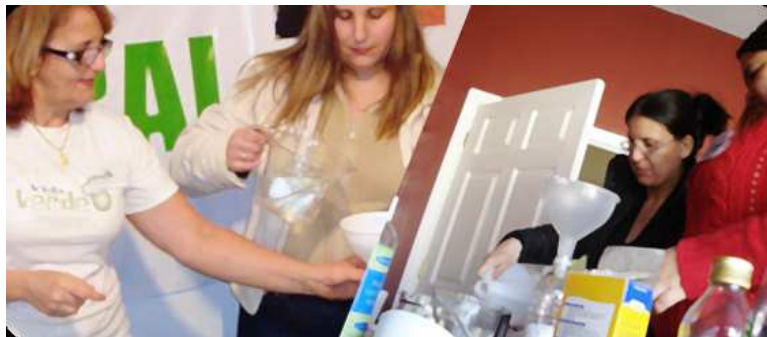
The Brazilian Women's Group invites you to attend a free a "Natural Cleaning" workshop. You'll learn how to make safer cleaning products for your home or business.



Attend this **FREE** workshop to:

- Learn about the health benefits of reducing the use of toxic cleaning products
- Find out how much money you can save by making your own products from common household ingredients
- Witness hands on demonstrations to produce your own cleaners for your home or business

**** On-site babysitting provided ** Pizza dinner ** Raffle of 10 cleaner sample buckets ****



When: Monday April 09, 2012 5:00-7:30pm
Where: UMass Lowell | Inn & Conference Center
50 Warren St. Lowell, MA 01852

RSVP to Maria Scholl Maria_s@turi.org or call 978-934-4964.

The workshop is FREE, but space is limited.

Please call to reserve a spot today to help us plan accordingly!

(The training will be conducted in English, but trainers can also converse in Portuguese). Workshop sponsored by the Toxics Use Reduction Institute.

About the Brazilian Women's Group and Vide Verde Co-op:

The Brazilian Women's Group was created in 1995 by a group of women interested in discussing the issues of being an immigrant woman from Brazil in this country. The Group is now composed of women of various ages and professions. They have different roles in the community, such as grandmothers, mothers, housewives, house cleaners, waitresses, students, beauty consultants, baby sitters, educators and health professionals. The Brazilian Women's Group is located in Allston and receives structural support from the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS). The Brazilian Women's Group's Mission is *to promote the empowerment of Brazilian women and the Brazilian community in the Boston area.*

The Vida Verde Co-Op supports Brazilian housecleaners in their professions while creating community and promoting healthy and environmentally friendly methods. The Co-Op is a team of 15 women and 1 man trained about cleaning alternatives that do not harm the environment and protect our and our clients' health. We make cleaning products with natural ingredients and all products have labels listing the ingredients and providing instructions for use.

We are committed to protect the environment using non-toxic products and teaching other people how to use green cleaners, encouraging them to switch from toxic to green cleaning products. In the last four years, we have trained about 300 people in the Brazilian community and spread the word to the American society and other ethnic groups in the United States about safety cleaning. In addition, the recipes that we use have been performance tested by the Cleaning Laboratory at the Toxics Use Reduction Institute at UMass Lowell.

About TURI:

The Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI) at the University of Massachusetts Lowell provides resources and tools to help make the Commonwealth a safer and more sustainable place to live and work.

Established by the Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Act (TURA) of 1989, TURI collaborates with businesses, community organizations and government agencies to reduce the use of toxic chemicals, protect public health and the environment, and increase competitiveness of Massachusetts businesses.

Our home and community program helps organizations, such as the Brazilian Women's Group, raise awareness of the hazards of toxic chemical use and introduce safer alternatives in neighborhoods through support for education and training.