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## <u>Ventura County Bike</u> and Hike Trails:

Camarillo - Calleguas Creek Trail (2 miles)

Thousand Oaks - Conejo Creek Trail (1.2 miles)

Ventura - Omer Rains Trail (8.6 miles)

Ventura - Ventura River Trail (6.3 miles)

Ojai - Ojai Valley Trail (10 miles)

Simi Valley - Arroyo Simi Bike Path (7 miles)

# Dangerous Combinations! Cleaning products you should never ever mix!



When you're faced with a tough cleaning job, it's easy to get frustrated — and tempting to get creative with how you clean it. But before you reach for every cleaning product under your sink and start playing

chemist, take caution, people often think that if one product works, mixing it with another one will make it even better. Certain products, which are safe when used alone, can sometimes cause unsafe fumes or other chemical reactions when mixed with other products. And even if your cleaner combo isn't dangerous or toxic, you can never be sure what effect two products can have on a surface or fabric when combined. Always read the warning and ingredient labels on cleaning products — and **NEVER** mix these:

#### **Bleach and Vinegar**

The combination sounds like it'd be a powerful disinfectant, but the two should never be mixed. Together, they produce chlorine gas, which even at low levels, can cause coughing, breathing problems, and burning, watery eyes.

#### **Baking Soda and Vinegar**

Although these pantry staples are handy on their own — both baking soda and vinegar can help clean all over the house — you should skip any DIY cleaner recipe that involves this not-so-dynamic duo. Baking soda is basic and vinegar is acidic, when you put them together you get mostly water and sodium acetate. But really, just mostly water." Plus, vinegar causes baking soda to foam up. If stored in a closed container, the mixture can explode.

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### For Lease

#### **Oxnard**

963 Spruce St 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath 1693 sq. ft. \$2800

**Available 5/8/2020** 

#### Ventura

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Dangerous Combinations (continued)

#### **Bleach and Ammonia**

Bleach and ammonia produce a toxic gas called chloramine. It causes the same symptoms as bleach and vinegar — along with shortness of breath and chest pain. Many glass and window cleaners contain ammonia, so never mix those with bleach.

#### **Drain Cleaner and Drain Cleaner**

Never mix two different drain cleaners or even using one right after the other. These are powerful formulas, and could even explode if combined. Use one product according to package directions (typically, only half a bottle is needed per treatment). If it doesn't work, don't try another product. Instead, call a plumber.

#### **Hydrogen Peroxide and Vinegar**

You may have heard that you should spray fruits or countertops with alternating mists of hydrogen peroxide and vinegar, wiping down the surface between sprays. Experts say this method is safe — but don't mix the two products in the same container. Combining them creates peracetic acid, which is potentially toxic and can irritate the skin, eyes, and respiratory system.

#### **Bleach and Rubbing Alcohol**

Perhaps you've heard of chloroform? You know, the stuff kidnappers in the movies put on rags to knock out their victims? Although it might not actually make you pass out, this combination can be irritating and toxic. Make it a rule to **NEVER** mix bleach with anything but plain water. Even other products like window and toilet bowl cleaners have ingredients, like acids or ammonia, that shouldn't be mixed with bleach.



Happy Mother's Day - May 10th

May Quote:

A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor
....Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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