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## Jess tests: toilet bowl cleaners

Everything we flush goes back into our water system, whether through municipal treatment, through septic beds or, unfortunately, more directly to area watersheds. Adding caustic chemicals to the mix just doesn't seem necessary if the goal is to simply get the toilet bowl clean and sanitary. A good scrub with a cleansing product should wash away grime without irritating your lungs, eyes or throat. The following toilet bowl cleaners do a thorough job and go easier on the environment.



**Method Lil' Bowl Blu**  
**\$6 for 709 mL**

I love the smell of this eucalyptus and mint bowl cleaner, and I don't mind at all that its scent lingers for a while. The formula, made with coconut and corn-derived cleaning agents, is nice and thick.



**President's Choice Green Toilet Bowl Cleaner**  
**\$3 for 710 mL**

The chlorine-free, dye-free formula uses glycolic acid as its key agent; it works quickly and thoroughly, making me confident that my toilet is clean. I think it



**Nature Clean Toilet Bowl Cleaner**  
**\$5 for 1L\* 🍁**

The EcoLogo reassures me that I've made a healthy choice. This dye-free and fragrance-free cleaner works very well.



**Vim PowerPro Naturals Bathroom Cleaner**  
**\$4.50 for 750 mL 🍁**

I like that this is a general-purpose cleaner that's recommended for use on toilets. This cleaner has a strong scent.



**Gloves Off All Purpose Cleaner and Disinfectant**  
**\$6 per 946 mL 🍁**

This cleaner uses a formula based on thyme and oregano essential oils. It claims to kill germs, including influenza viruses such as H1N1. I like that it has an expiry date – that's a natural product for you!

For shopping sources, see page 47. \*EcoLogo certified 🍁 Made in Canada



**Wake up gently to your own dawn**  
**Philips Wake-Up Light (\$120)** gradually illuminates to give off a bright yet soft light, and offers sound options as well, such as tweeting birds. Can you think of a nicer way to start the day?

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**Sambadays.com** lets you choose a type of experience to give (e.g., culinary, wellness or adventure) for as little as \$49, then your friend picks a specific activity (e.g., dinner, glass blowing or rock climbing).

## Warm to the elbows

No one has to know how practical these gorgeously soft leather gloves (\$70) by Soïa and Kyo are. Rather than ending around the edge of your coat sleeves, their long cuffs keep your wrists nice and toasty.



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