

Progress over perfection

The Beginner's Non-Toxic Living Checklist

Simple, affordable swaps for creating a healthier and more intentional home -
one room at a time.

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Welcome, Friend!

Starting a non-toxic or low-tox lifestyle can feel overwhelming, especially when it seems like every product in your home needs to be replaced. I created this guide to help you slow down, focus on realistic changes, and make thoughtful swaps without pressure.

You do not need to throw everything away or spend a large amount of money. Begin with the products you use most, finish what you already have when appropriate, and choose a different option when something runs out or needs replacing.

Use this printable one room at a time. Check off the ideas that work for your household, skip anything that does not apply, and celebrate every small step you make.

Before You Begin

- I do not need to replace everything at once.
- I can use what I already own before buying more.
- I will focus on practical changes instead of perfection.
- I will follow product labels and safety directions.
- I will choose swaps that fit my household and budget.

Non-toxic and low-tox are informal lifestyle terms. This guide is designed to support thoughtful household choices and is not medical advice.

Choose Your Starting Point

My Non-Toxic Living Priorities

Before shopping for new products, take a few minutes to decide which areas matter most to you. Choosing two or three priorities can make the process feel much easier.

Which Areas Would I Like to Focus On?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry products | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal care products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen storage | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor air and ventilation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cookware and utensils | <input type="checkbox"/> Moisture control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household cleaning products | <input type="checkbox"/> Reducing household clutter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bathroom products | <input type="checkbox"/> Creating simpler routines |

The room I want to start with:

The first three products I want to review:

1.

2.

3.

My reason for making these changes:

Start where you are. One realistic swap is more helpful than an expensive plan you cannot maintain.

Laundry Room Swaps



The laundry room is an easy place to begin because a few simple changes can reduce unnecessary fragrance, simplify your routine, and cut down on disposable products.

- Choose a fragrance-free laundry detergent.
- Skip laundry scent beads and fragrance boosters.
- Replace disposable dryer sheets with reusable wool dryer balls.
- Follow the recommended detergent measurements.
- Avoid using more product than necessary.
- Keep laundry products sealed and safely stored.
- Replace products gradually as they run out.
- Wash reusable cleaning cloths separately when needed.
- Keep the laundry area dry and well ventilated.
- Create a simple laundry-product inventory before shopping.

Use Up, Replace or Keep?

Products that still work and can be used safely as directed.	Products you would like to change when they run out.	Damaged, leaking, expired, or improperly stored products.
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My next laundry swap:

Kitchen Swaps



Focus first on items that touch food, are used every day, or are damaged and ready to be replaced.

- Store leftovers in glass containers when practical.
- Avoid heating food in plastic containers.
- Replace cracked or badly damaged food-storage containers.
- Replace peeling or heavily scratched cookware.
- Consider stainless steel, cast iron, or enameled cookware.
- Choose wooden, silicone, or stainless-steel utensils.
- Carry a reusable glass or stainless-steel water bottle.
- Use reusable food covers or wraps when practical.
- Follow cookware and container care instructions.
- Keep frequently used food-storage items easy to reach.

Check Your Kitchen

Cookware that may need replacing:

Food-storage items I already own and can use:

One reusable swap I will actually use:

Do not replace perfectly usable kitchen items just to complete a checklist. Prioritize damaged products and changes that fit naturally into your routine.

Cleaning + Bathroom Swaps



Cleaning Checklist

- Simplify the number of cleaning products I own.
- Choose fragrance-free products when appropriate.
- Use products only as directed on the label.
- Never mix household cleaning products.
- Open a window or use ventilation while cleaning.
- Keep cleaners away from children and pets.
- Use washable cleaning cloths when practical.
- Address the source of household odours.
- Skip unnecessary room sprays and plug-in fragrances.
- Safely dispose of unwanted products according to local instructions.



Bathroom Checklist

- Choose a simple fragrance-free hand soap.
- Replace personal care products gradually.
- Simplify my skincare routine.
- Run the bathroom exhaust fan during and after showers.
- Wash reusable bathroom textiles regularly.
- Check under sinks for moisture or leaks.
- Replace a worn shower liner with a PVC-free option.
- Follow storage and expiration instructions.
- Keep products organized so they are used before buying more.
- Choose items based on my personal needs, not fear-based marketing.

The bathroom product I use most often is:

My next cleaning swap is:

Simple Habits for a Healthier Home



Some of the most useful healthy-home changes do not require buying anything. Regular cleaning, ventilation, and moisture control can make a meaningful difference in how your home feels.

- Leave outdoor shoes near the entrance.
- Create a simple shoe and slipper station.
- Dust surfaces regularly.
- Vacuum rugs, floors, and upholstered furniture.
- Wash bedding on a consistent schedule.
- Open windows when weather and outdoor air quality allow.
- Use kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans.
- Address leaks and moisture promptly.
- Keep an eye out for condensation and damp areas.
- Clean vents and replace filters as recommended.
- Avoid covering odours with excessive fragrance.
- Reduce clutter that collects dust.
- Store household products safely.
- Follow appliance and ventilation instructions.
- Create a cleaning schedule that feels manageable.

Gentle Weekly Habit Tracker

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Ventilate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quick dust	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vacuum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check moisture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wash textiles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Use this tracker as a gentle reminder, not a perfect schedule.

Plan Your Swaps Without Overspending

Low-tox living does not need to become an expensive shopping project. Use this page to plan purchases, avoid duplicates, and decide what truly needs replacing.

Product or Item	Keep Using	Replace When Empty	Replace Soon	Estimated Cost

Free Changes I Can Make First

- Skip fragrance boosters.
- Open windows when appropriate.
- Leave shoes at the door.
- Simplify my routines.
- Use the correct amount of detergent.
- Improve kitchen and bathroom ventilation.
- Dust and vacuum consistently.
- Use the products I already own before shopping.

My monthly swap budget: \$_____

The next item I genuinely need: _____

A purchase I can wait on: _____

My Gentle 30-Day Plan

Week 1: Notice

- Walk through each room.
- List the products I use most.
- Check for damaged or leaking items.
- Choose one priority room.

Week 2: Simplify

- Remove empty packaging.
- Organize the products I already own.
- Skip one unnecessary fragrance product.
- Create a safe storage area.

Week 3: Replace

- Choose one product that needs replacing.
- Compare a few practical options.
- Purchase only what fits my needs and budget.
- Record the swap below.

Week 4: Maintain

- Review what worked well.
- Add one healthy-home habit.
- Update my shopping list.
- Choose my next small goal.

The easiest change I made:

A change that did not work for me:

What I want to focus on next:

You are allowed to change your mind. A product or routine is only helpful when it works for your real life.

My Non-Toxic Swap Tracker

Date	Product Replaced	New Choice	Room	Would I Choose It Again?

Notes

Small Changes Add Up

Creating a more intentional home does not happen overnight. Every small change you make can help you build routines that feel simpler, calmer, and more manageable.

Keep this checklist somewhere easy to find and return to it whenever you are ready for your next swap. There is no deadline, no perfect home, and no single routine that works for everyone.

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