

## THE ESSENTIAL ORANGE

*Oranges aren't just for breakfast anymore; this orange fruit has gone green! Use them throughout the house as a natural way to clean and freshen*

### IN THE KITCHEN

- Cut an orange in half, sprinkle salt on the surface and use it to clean your marble countertops.
- Drop three or four orange halves down your garbage disposal to keep it smelling fresh.
- Use a cut orange to cut through grease on pots and pans.
- Keep your brown sugar soft and lump-free by tossing a few pieces of orange peel into the bag.
- To clean your microwave, drop a generous handful of orange peels in a bowl, fill with water, and zap it for a few minutes. Let it cool slightly before removing the bowl, and then just wipe the microwave clean.

### IN THE REST OF THE HOUSE

- Shine furniture and glass using a large wedge of cut orange sprinkled with salt. Polish the glass then wipe with a damp cloth.
- Mix a bit of olive oil with half a cup of freshly squeezed orange juice and use it for polishing furniture (test first!).
- Make an all-purpose cleaner with a litre of water and a spoonful of vinegar, and then add some orange peel for a wonderfully smelling cleanser.
- Add dried orange peel to a small sachet to freshen your clothes drawers and linen closets.
- Mix dried pieces of orange with anise and mace to create a spicy potpourri, perfect for fall and winter seasons.
- Hang an orange studded with cloves in your closet to keep moths away.

### IN THE YARD

- Sprinkle leftover orange peels around gardens to keep ants away (your garden will love the nutrients as the rinds break down). This also discourages neighbourhood cats from digging in your garden.
- Dried orange peels are flammable so next time you're lighting a backyard bonfire, use the dried peels as kindling. Your fire will start quicker, smell better and repel pesky insects.

– Corey Van't Haaff