

Alternatives to Hazardous Products
for the Workshop, Yard & Garden

Product Needed:	Safer Alternative
Ant Killer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caulk entry points • Kill visible ants with soapy water or vacuum • Remove sources of food and water
Brass/copper polish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paste of equal parts vinegar, salt, flour • Rinse well
Degreaser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citrus or vegetable oil-based products
Fertilizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compost • Organic fertilizers
Moss killer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings: zinc-galvanized or copper flashing and ridges. • Lawn: correct plant deficiencies; thatch; water infrequently and deeply
Oil-based paint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water-based latex paint
Paint strippers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use strippers with “caution” label
Paint thinners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use water-based paints
Pesticides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep plants healthy through organic fertilization, crop rotation. • Use biological controls • Organic pesticides
Roach poison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes sources of food and water • Caulk cracks/crevices • Boric acid
Stainless steel cleaner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baking soda • Olive oil for polish
Wood preservative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep wood dry • Use borax-based preservatives • Use cedar or pressure-treated lumber