

Homemade Liquid Laundry Soap (front or top load machine)

- 4 Cups - hot tap water
- 1 Fels-Naptha soap bar
- 1 Cup - Arm & Hammer Super Washing Soda (sodium carbonate ONLY)
- ½ Cup - Borax

- Grate bar of soap and add to saucepan with water. Stir continually over medium-low heat until soap dissolves and is melted.

-Fill a 5 gallon bucket half full of hot tap water. Add melted soap, washing soda and Borax. Stir well until all powder is dissolved. Fill bucket to top with more hot water. Stir, cover and let sit overnight to thicken.

-Stir and fill a used, clean, laundry soap dispenser half full with soap and then fill rest of way with water. Shake before each use. (will gel)

-Optional: You can add 10-15 drops of essential oil per 2 gallons. Add once soap has cooled. Ideas: lavender, rosemary, tea tree oil.

-Yield: Liquid soap recipe makes 10 gallons.

-Top Load Machine - 5/8 Cup per load (Approx. 180 loads)

-Front Load Machines - ¼ Cup per load (Approx. 640 loads)

Powdered Laundry Detergent (top load machine)

- 1 Fels-Naptha soap bar
- 1 Cup - Arm & Hammer Super Washing Soda (sodium carbonate ONLY)
- ½ Cup - Borax

-Grate soap or break into pieces and process in a food processor until powdered. Mix all ingredients. For light load, use 1 Tablespoon. For heavy or heavily soiled load, use 2 Tablespoons.

-Yield: 3 Cups detergent. (Approx. 40 loads)

TIPS FOR LAUNDRY SOAP: We use Fels-Naptha bar soap in the homemade soap recipes, but you can use Ivory, Sunlight, Kirk's Hardwater Castile or Zote bars. Don't use heavily perfumed soaps. We buy Fels-Naptha by the case from our local grocer or online. Washing Soda and Borax can often be found on the laundry or cleaning aisle. Recipe cost approx. \$2 per batch.

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Lacey's Notes: I buy the Fels-Naptha on Amazon and the Borax and Super Washing Soda at Smith's. For essential oils, I have used lemon and lavender and plan to try sweet orange and geranium next.