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### Spring Cleaning!

Use these great "green" spring cleaning tips to more safely and naturally clean your home this spring!

**Drain Cleaner:** Pour a half-cup of baking soda down the sink and add at least a cup of vinegar. Cover the drain and wait a few minutes, then rinse with a mixture of boiling water and salt.

**Window Cleaner:** Mix two ounces of vinegar with a quart of water in a spray bottle. (Don't wash windows when the sun is shining directly on them; the cleaning solution will dry too fast and streak.)

## Grundy County Community Garden



**Future site of Grundy County Community Garden Project. Land donated by First Christian Church in Trenton. Garden is located north of Grundy County Food Pantry. Grundy County residents will be offered free land, seeds, garden hoes, soil amendments, and education.**

With spring just around the corner, area residents will have an opportunity to get free, healthy food if they participate in the Grundy County Community Garden Project!

The First Christian Church of Trenton has leased land to GHCAA for \$1 per year for the site which is located at Harris and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets just north of the Grundy County Food Pantry. Three persons have been hired to oversee the project. Michelle Johnson, long time community volunteer, has been hired as Community Garden Site Manager. Ms. Johnson is a graduate of one of the first Step Up To Leadership programs that GHCAA offered in Trenton. She also recently attended Leadership Trenton. In addition, she spends hundreds of hours each year volunteering on behalf of the American Cancer Society and the Grundy County Food Pantry. Kimberly Wagner and Craig Latham have also been hired to manage the local effort.

And, oddly enough, old newspapers work great for streak-free window or glass cleaning!

**Floors:** Whether you've got linoleum or ceramic tiles in the kitchen, vinegar -- straight or mixed with water -- is all you need to get floors clean. Use a sturdy mop (not a disposable one), natural sponge or washrags to scrub, then mop up any excess. (Vinegar and a good stiff brush, either a grout brush or firm toothbrush, also clean grout nicely.)

**Tubs & Toilets:** Spray with vinegar first, then sprinkle on baking soda for totally natural, fizzy cleaning power. Scrub with a sponge or toilet brush, then rinse clean or flush.

**Rust Remover:** Use vinegar to remove rust on nuts and bolts and other mineral deposits such as calcium deposits.



The First Christian Church has partnered with Green Hills Community Action Agency to develop a large scale community garden project for Grundy County residents. This project/program is funded in whole/or part with federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provided by the Missouri Department of Social Services, Family Support Division. The funds received from the Family Support Division are all federally funded. In addition to ARRA funds, sponsorships of individual families and corporate and civic donations will be sought. The City's contribution has been offering land for the support of the project. A lease agreement has been reached governing the partnership.

The Grundy County Community Garden team has been very busy with educational seminars and public speaking engagements to civic clubs and groups.



Pictured above are Craig Latham, Grundy County Garden Site Worker and Michelle Johnson, Grundy County Community Garden Site Manager



Kimberly Wagner is another important member of the Grundy team

