

# Toilet Soap (No Caustics)

## Ingredients

- 2 lbs. tallow
- 1 1/2 lbs. sal soda
- 1 lb. borax
- 1 oz. gum camphor
- 1/2 oz. citronella
- 4 Tbsp. salt

## Instructions

1. Combine all ingredients and boil slowly for 1 1/2 hours, stirring often.
2. Remove from stove and place the container in cold water, stirring continuously as the soap thickens.
3. Pour into molds.
4. Cut when firm.

## Editor's Notes

- **"sal soda"** - Washing soda (sodium carbonate), a common household alkali used in pre-lye soap recipes of this era.
- **"gum camphor"** - Solid camphor resin, historically used in soap-making as an antiseptic and fragrance agent.
- **"citronella"** - Citronella oil, used here as a fragrance and insect-repellent additive.
- **"tallow"** - Rendered animal fat (typically beef or mutton), the primary base fat in this soap formula.
- **"No water quantity specified"** - The card lists no water; it is likely that the tallow is melted and the dry ingredients dissolved into it or a small amount of water, but no quantity is given. This is a significant omission for replication.

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