50 Most Common Uses of Shaklee’s Basic H
Organic Super Cleaning Concentrate

Plus, Instructions for Proper Mixtures

...From Shaklee’s Get Clean Line
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****DISCLAIMER**** Shaklee has not tested and considers most, if not all uses outside the home a “misuse of the product.” They must do this in order to protect themselves from any liabilities due to misuse. However, these uses have been effective for years by many families and to my knowledge without issue.

With that said, you are using at your own risk. When in doubt less is best. We are not responsible for injury or loss.

These uses have been compiled from the field and are not endorsed by the Shaklee Corporation

Web Discrepancy
The only discrepancy that I’ve come across are many Distributors say you can put Basic H2 in full strength on your skin. Those Distributors have been misinformed and are most likely copying bad information from the web.

Basic H and Basic H2 are Different Products
Those misinformed Distributors are referring to the old, ‘classic’ Basic H. The ‘old’ or ‘Classic’ BH is not the same as Basic H2. I’ve marked each use to use with either the classic formula or the H2 formula for your convenience.

If you have either or (Basic H Classic or BH2) just remember to use a little bit more with Classic and a little bit less with BH2. A little bit as in no more than half.

Do Not Put Basic H2 in Full Strength on Your Skin
Since Basic H2 is more concentrated it is not recommended by Shaklee to put it on skin for prolonged periods of time. If it does get on your skin, you should rinse it off to prevent possible irritation.

Like classic Basic-H, Basic H2 contains surfactants, but a higher more concentrated amount. They work by solubilizing and loosening dirt on surfaces on which it is applied.

If the product gets onto the skin or into the eyes, the cleaning compounds will attempt to cleanse these surfaces also—most often resulting in skin and eye irritation.

Many People Were Disappointed
Many people are in fact disappointed that the old classic basic H isn’t sold in small bottles anymore, as people loved to use it for their skin for uses such as insect repellent, cleaning hands, shaving, and soothing burns, and others. They still can. However, they just have to buy or share the larger 5 or 30-gallon classic version.
Instruction Cards
Print and cut out to store instruction card(s) by your Classic or BH2 Products to mix and use for your convenience.

Classic Basic H® Cleaner
The world’s most versatile cleaner

NOTE: Since Classic Basic H isn't super concentrated like BH2 use at least 1/4 to 1/2 as much more than you would for BH2

LIGHT JOBS
Use 5 drops for every 16oz or pint of water.

UNCOMMON/SMALLER JOBS
Use 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon to every 16oz or pint of water.

LARGER/ALL PURPOSE JOBS
Use 3/4 to 1 teaspoon to every 16oz or pint of water.

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BASIC H²™ Organic Super Cleaning Concentrate

With its incredibly powerful formula, Basic H² dominates grease, grime, and dirt over 1,000 different ways. This superconcentrated formula can be used indoors or out on any washable surface.

ALL-PURPOSE CLEANER
Add 1/4 teaspoon to 16 ounces of water
Works great cleaning your everyday jobs!

WINDOW CLEANER
Add 2 drops to 16 ounces of water
Sample 4oz bottle will make over 1,400 28-oz. bottles of ready-to-use window cleaner. Equivalent cleaning power * Windex Original Formula.

DEGREASER
Add 1 1/2 teaspoons to 16 ounces of water
* Works great when cleaning barbecue grills, ovens, stovetops and pans. Even oil spills on concrete and crayons on the wall.
The Most Common 50 Uses of Basic H (Classic) and Basic H2® (BH2)
Not in any particular order

KITCHEN

1. **Sticky Countertops**: Directly spray BH2 on your all-purpose cleaning mix. For really sticky spots, let sit for a minute and then wipe.

2. **Greasy Pots and Pans**: Use BH2 degreaser or just add 1/2 teaspoon of Basic H Classic to one gallon of warm water and let your pots and pans soak in the water. Follow with a light scrub and rinse.

3. **Kitchen Appliances**: The all-purpose BH2 cleaning mix or the degreaser mix works wonders on your glass or gas stove tops, dishwashers and oven doors.

4. **Spotty Silverware**: Hard water and silverware that has sat in the sink for a bit too long can be a pain to clean. Just soak or wipe your silverware down with the BH2 all-purpose mixture. If you need to up the game, add a bit more Basic H2® to the water.

5. **Refrigerator Inside and Out**: Do a quick clean down with the BH2 all-purpose mixture to freshen up the fridge on the inside and outside.

6. **Coffee Makers and Rings Left on Tabletops**: Dilute 1/8 tsp of BH2 or about 15 drops in a pot of water and run through a cycle to wash away all the coffee stains. This is a little stronger than your window cleaner.

7. **Beverage Rings**: If you forget to use a coaster smear some of the Basic H2® so it covers the ring as soon as you get the chance and watch it disappear.

8. **Dishes**: Add ½ tsp BH2 to your sink water. Shaklee also has hand dishwashing liquid you can check out.


10. **Lettuce**: Use 2 or 3 drops BH2 in a bowl of water to make lettuce crisp.

Around The House

11. **House Plants**: Water plants with 1 oz. Basic H Classic to 1-gallon water. 4 drops to 1-pint water can be sprayed on the leaves to make healthier plants and keep dust off.

12. **Windows and Mirrors (glass)**: Add 16 oz. of water in any spray bottle. Add 2 drops of BH2. Spray on surface and wipe off with paper towel or Get Clean Super Microfiber Window Cloth. This also happens to work well as an eye-glass cleaner.

14. **Floor and Wall Tiles:** If you have a large surface to do, just add 1 Tbs. of BH2 directly to a gallon of water and give everything a good go-over. Use a sponge or mop on floor. Add a few drops of orange or lemon essential oil for scent.

15. **Ironing:** 1 drop BH2 in steam iron will keep the jets and water cartridge clean for as long as your iron lasts.

16. **Wallpaper or Adhesive Residue:** Excellent for removing wallpaper. 2 tbs of Basic H Classic in a bucket of water. Apply with sponge, let soak, lift (wipe) off.

17. **Crayoned Walls:** A dap of Basic H Classic will do the trick here.

18. **Dusting Spray:** I like to use about 10 drops of BH2 in any 16oz spray bottle to do this job.

19. **Woolens, Nylons, and Fine Fabrics:** 1/2 teaspoon Classic Basic H to a small basin of lukewarm water (sink).

20. **Lighting Fixtures:** Let the light shine on! For your light fixtures just use the glass cleaner BH2 mixture.

21. **Plumbing:** Will keep pipes clean & free-running when used regularly to wash dishes, pots & pans at sinks. It emulsifies grease & can eliminate cleaning of grease traps.

22. **Remote Controls:** Use your BH2 all-purpose cleaner spray or about ¼ teaspoon BH2 to a small basin of water (sink)

23. **Humidifiers:** Use 1 or 2 drops of BH2 in a humidifier water to help prevent rust & scum.

24. **Cleaning off Fireplace Soot:** I would recommend trying to sweep away as much soot as you can. Then, using the degreaser BH2 mix, spray things down and wipe away.

25. **Leather:** 2 drops of BH2 on damp sponge then wipe the item dry. BH2 cleans leather better than most saddle soaps.

26. **Shoes:** Use 2 drops of BH2 on a wet cloth. Test to make sure no wax is removed at this concentration. If so, use on drop. Shine with dry cloth.

27. **Shoe Tracks on Floors:** If you are fed up with track marks on your floors just spread out a mixture of BH2 with warm water onto the floors. Let it sit for a couple of minutes. Then wipe down and pat dry.

28. **Carpet PreSpray:** Mix 2 to 4 oz. of Shaklee’s [hand dishwashing liquid](#) with 2 to 4 oz. BH2 to 5-gallons of warm water. Spray on carpet and leave at least 10 minutes. Then steam clean carpet using BH2 in 1/2 proportion to required amount of steam cleaner’s shampoo.

    You can use soft laundry concentrate, Shaklee’s fabric softener, as a de-foamer instead of steam cleaner’s, again using 1/2 amount required.

**Machines**

29. **Washing a Vehicle:** Use no more than 1 tablespoon per gallon of water with Classic Basic H. Use BH2 and you risk removing your wax finish. Wash small area at a time and hose off. Wiping dry is not necessary. Wipe windshields like Rain X, chrome, and windows with paper towels after rinsing. Bugs and road grime float away.
30. **Air Filters**: Use 1 teaspoon BH2 to a quart of warm water. Air filters are cleaned with excellent results leaving them free of dirt, oil, or chemical residue.

31. **Engines**: Use ½ oz. BH2 to one-gallon water to clean engine. It will not affect paint, gaskets or insulating material. Best results can be achieved when the engine is hot for fastest drying of the ignition system.

32. **Battery Terminals**: 1/2 tsp. BH2 to pint of water and spray on battery terminals and let soak 2 minutes. Clean with wire brush.

33. **Pressure Washer**: Load up your pressure washer with some water and a 1/2 Tbs. of BH2 per gallon. This will keep the tank and hose clean.

34. **Washing RV, Boat & Camper**: ½ Tbs. BH2 per gallon of water.

### Around Your Yard

35. **Concrete & Mortar**: 1/4 oz. per 1 gallon of water. Makes cement & mortar spread easier & smoother, set harder.

36. **Barbeque Grill Grunge**: The degreaser BH2 mix works well on the grills. You might want to get a bucket of water though and sit the grill rack in to soak and clean in your backyard or outside. For every gallon of water, I like to use about 3 tbs. of Classic Basic H

37. **Wooden Decks**: Start off using a 1/2 tbs. BH2 per gallon water to clean. If you feel you need more or less, adjust your mixture.

38. **Driveways**: Just add a 1/2 tbs. BH2 per gallon, give it a scrub with your outdoor broom if you wish and let it wash away. You may also be happily surprised to see that any grass or plants you have that get the runoff will be greener than ever before!

### Yard, Lawns and Gardens

You may want to use the Basic H Classic here

39. **Soil Preparation**: For new vegetable or flower beds, and new lawn areas Mix 1 pint Classic Basic H to 3 gallons’ water for an area of 1,000 sq. ft. (20 feet x 50 feet). Wet down with sprinkler or till in immediately. Using a hose applicator, set the dial to 7 Tablespoons to 1-gallon water.

40. **Lawns**: For growing lawns in the spring and fall, using a spray applicator, set the dial to 7 tablespoons per gallon. If using an Ortho sprayer, fill the bottle with 2 tablespoons Classic Basic-H and water, and spray evenly over the lawn. Repeat until the entire lawn is treated.

41. **Transplanting**: For transplanting flowers, vegetables, trees, shrubs Mix 1 oz. Classic Basic H to 1-gallon water. You may also add 2-3 teaspoons Liqui-Lea. Add a small amount to the hole before planting.

42. **Seed Planting**: Before planting seeds (If you don’t use this recipe, then you will need to use the one below). Coat hard seeds with Classic Basic H full strength; when planting, just add water to the seed furrow. When planting seeds (If you used the recipe above, you don't need to do this.) Mix 1 oz. Classic Basic H to 1-gallon water; pour this mixture into the seed furrow before placing seeds. You may also add 2-3 teaspoons Liqui-Lea.
43. **The Invisible Glove**: Rub Classic Basic H full strength on your hands, and allow to dry. You can work without gloves, and when the task is done, rinse all the grime away under the spigot. It will coat your skin, and won’t come off until you add water.

44. **Plant Feeding**: For house plants mix 4 drops (a little less than 1/8 teaspoon) of Classic Basic H to 16 oz. water. You may also add 1 teaspoon Liqui-Lea. Mix 4 drops (a little less than 1/8 teaspoon) Classic Basic H to 1-quart water. Water plants every other week. Mist plants with a mixture of 2 drops Classic Basic H to 16 oz. water.

   For outdoor plants (foliage feeding) mix 1 oz. Classic Basic H and 1 Tablespoon Liqui-Lea to 4 gallons water. Spray every 7-9 days; apply in the evening or on dark days.

   For tomatoes mix 10-12 drops Classic Basic H (not quite ¼ teaspoon) to 16 oz. water. Apply to the ground around the plant. Do not spray directly on the plant.

   For small trees and shrubs mix 1 teaspoon Classic Basic H to 1-gallon water; apply with watering can or hose applicator.

   For evergreen shrubs mix 1 teaspoon Classic Basic H and 1 teaspoon Liqui-Lea to 1 gallon water.

   For trees, fruit trees mark or trench an area about 1/3 distance from the trunk to the drip line. Pour 1 quart Classic Basic H into the soil; let the hose run for 30 minutes.

45. **Insect Spray**: Basic G/Classic Basic H (G/H) Concentrate - Make a concentrated mixture of 1 part Basic G and 3 parts Classic Basic H. **NOTE**: Not all of the following recipes use this mixture. Do not to use this for every insect problem. Do not apply Basic G to edible plants and do not allow it to puddle where a child or pet could get into it.

   For tender plants mix 1 oz. Classic Basic H to 5-gallons’ water. Do not spray when plants are in full bloom.

   For vegetables (NOT tomatoes) Mix 1 oz. Classic Basic H to 3 gallons’ water.

   For tomatoes (to rid thrips, fleahoppers, etc.) mix 1 teaspoon Classic Basic H to 1-gallon water.

   For gardens and flowers use 1 oz. G/H concentrate to 2.5 - 5 gallons’ water; plant size and maturity determine strength. Do not spray when plants are in full bloom.

   For roses mix 1 teaspoon Classic Basic H to 1-gallon water. Spray rose bushes to protect them from spiders and other diseases and insects.

   For lawn grubs mix 1-1/2 pints Classic Basic H and 4 oz. Basic G to 5-6 gallons’ water. Spray every 100 feet with an Ortho bottle or use an injector.

   For shrubs and trees (bagworms, web worms, etc.) Mix 1 tbs. G/H concentrate to 1-gallon water. Spray every 7-9 days until blossom – do not spray when trees are in full bloom. After bloom, mix 1 tbs Classic Basic H to 1-gallon water, spray every 3 - 4 weeks.

   For picnic areas Mix 1 oz. G/H concentrate to 1-gallon water. Spray one hour before picnic. For problem insects (squash bugs, bag worms, fleas, ticks, etc.) Mix 1 oz. G/H concentrate to 1-gallon water; spray lawns, trees, dog houses, kennels runs, etc.
**Miscellaneous**

46. **Jewelry Cleaner:** 1 tsp. to ½ cup of water, let sit a few minutes, rinse. Repeat as necessary and dry when finished. For silver you can just rub in a few drops of BH2 (full strength) on a damp cloth.

47. **Lipstick Stains on Linen:** Work full strength BH2 into the fabric on stain. Let soak, rub lightly, rinse clean.

48. **Paint Brushes:** Work Full strength BH2 into brushes and wash under tap

49. **Removing Gum:** Apply BH2 directly to the area that has gum stuck to it you should be able to peel it away.

50. **Insect Repellent for People and Animals:** Rub/Apply full strength Classic Basic H wherever you do not want insects to bite; they won’t bite where it has been applied. Also relieves itching of insect bites (rub on, full strength). Be careful around eyes, it does sting. If you get some in the eyes just flush with water. If you use [Shaklee Sunblock SPF 30](https://www.shaklee.com/sunblock-spf-30), apply the Classic Basic H on top.