

# “Soap Nuts” Replace Laundry Detergents

Soap Nuts are actually berries that grow on trees in India and Nepal. If you throw a few in with your laundry you won't have to use soap, says Greener Living Products Ltd., a Saskatchewan company that imports them. The large quantity of saponin in their shells acts as a natural, gentle detergent when they come in contact with water. Without



chemicals, fragrances or dyes, they're safe and gentle for handwashing delicate clothes, yet tough enough for regular laundry. You won't even have to use fabric softener. And because they don't produce a lot of suds, you can use them in both top and front-load washing machines.

Four nuts go into a small muslin bag (provided) and will last for 4 to 6 loads of laundry.

According to the company, Soap Nuts can also be used in place of hair shampoo and to replace other household cleaners. You can even use them to make your own dishwasher soap. How-to instructions are included.

A trial size bag containing 4 soap nuts, in which you can test 4 or 5 loads of laundry to see how they work, sells for \$1.69 plus S&H. A 2.2-lb. bag of Soap Nuts sells for \$39.99 plus S&H and will wash 300 to 400 loads of laundry. A 1.1-lb. bag that can do 150 to 200 loads of laundry sells for \$24.99 plus S&H.

A set of 10 muslin cloth wash bags sells for \$4.99 plus S&H.

The company also offers Soap Nuts bath bars that sell for \$8.99 apiece plus S&H.

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