

## How to Make a Boric Acid Spray

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Boric acid is a naturally occurring chemical compound containing the element boron. It is found in soil, plants, rocks and water. This versatile compound offers a host of home and garden uses, including as an insecticide, as a weedkiller and in household mold remediation. Boric acid is available for purchase in a crystalline powder form, and it may be mixed into a solution for simple application. Boric acid in powder or liquid form is a toxic substance for humans and pets when ingested, inhaled or absorbed through the skin, and it always should be handled with care.

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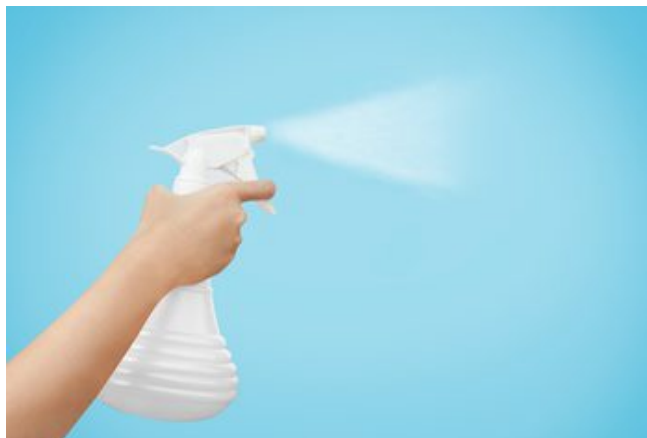
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- 1:** Mix boric acid powder, sugar and water to create a boric acid insecticide spray. Use 2 tablespoons of boric acid and 2 cups of sugar for every 1 cup of water. The sugar will attract insect pests, including ants and cockroaches, while the soluble boric acid will kill them. Wear protective gloves each time you mix the boric acid solution because it is toxic.
- 2:** Dissolve boric acid powder in warm water to make your own weedkiller spray. Put on protective gloves. Mix 10 ounces of boric acid powder into 1/2 cup of warm water, and stir the mixture until all the powder is dissolved. Dilute the mixture in 2 1/2 gallons of water to kill creeping charlie (*Glechoma hederacea*) and other common weeds.
- 3:** Combine 1 cup of boric acid powder with 1 gallon of water, while wearing protective gloves, to create a boric acid spray to remove mold from your home. Wear protective gloves, safety glasses and a respirator when in close proximity to mold spores.

### Things You'll Need

- Protective gloves
- Boric acid powder



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- Sugar
- Measuring cup
- Stirring tool
- Safety glasses
- Respirator

### **Tip**

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Boric acid spray works best as a weedkiller in spring.

### **Warning**

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Boric acid spray used as a weedkiller also may kill desirable plants in your garden. So spray with care.

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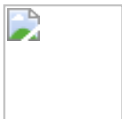
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