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The 9 Best Eco-Friendly Dish Soaps of 2023

A few drops for a squeaky and sustainable clean.

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Choosing an eco-friendly dish soap is an easy step you can take towards protecting our waterways. We've put together this list of some top-rated, widely available environmentally-responsible soaps to help you make this simple, positive transition. In general, we've chosen dish soaps that are chlorine and phosphate-free to protect the environment, and naturally scented or fragrance-free for those with sensitive noses and/or skin. Most brands are also available in scented form.

We've also considered the rating (where available) by the nonprofit Environmental Working Group (EWG) who ranks products based on the toxicity of their chemical ingredients. As you'll discover if you spend time on the research, it is difficult to find a quality detergent whose ingredients are all "A's" so keep that in mind as you choose your favorites.

Here are the best eco-friendly dish soaps, according to our research and tests.

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Best Overall: Puracy Natural Dish Soap at Walmart (\$19)

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Best Budget: ECOS Dishmate Dish Soap Free & Clear at Walmart (\$3)

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Best Bar: No Tox Life Vegan Dish Block at Notoxlife.com

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Best Bulk: Better Life Dish Soap Refill at Amazon (See

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Best with Essential Oils: <u>Koala Eco Natural Dish Soap at Koalaeco.com (See Price</u>)

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Best for Camping: <u>Dr. Bronner's Pure Castile Soap at Amazon (\$3</u>7)

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Best Packaging: <u>Cleancult Liquid Dish Soap Refill at Amazon (\$17)</u>

Best Dissolvable: <u>etee Dish Soap Concentrate at Shopetee.com (See Price)</u>

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Best for the Dishwasher: <u>Aspen Clean Natural</u> <u>Dishwasher Pods at Aspenclean.com (See Price)</u>

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Best with Essential Oils: Koala Eco Natural Dish Soap with Lemon Myrtle & Mandarin Essential Oil

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Although the brand is proudly Australian, Koala Eco's products are made in the United States using essential oils and no synthetic fragrances. The soap is certified vegan, and also has two different third-party certifications showing the formula is free of toxic chemicals. Our testers loved the citrus scent, but also found that the smell didn't linger on dishes after a good rinsing. It's a concentrated formula, but not that that the manufacturer does recommend using it with hot

Koala Eco is a member of 1% for the Planet, and the soaps are packaged in 100% recycled bottles. You can get a discount for signing up for a subscription.

Price at time of publish: \$18.90