

Soap Making

Yucca Leaf Soap Making



See Resource File 1-History of Soap Making for information on how soap manufacturing has changed over time.

See Resource File 3-Related Images for pictures of the Soaptree yucca plant.

Procedure –

1. Cut a few leaves from the soaptree yucca plant. Be sure you aren't taking leaves that are on private property. Or, if they are from private property, make sure you have permission from the landowner to cut the leaves.
2. Using a small knife, shave off the green outer skin from the leaves.
3. Collect all those shavings into a small sealable container.
4. Fill the container with warm water and close the lid.
5. Shake the container vigorously. You will begin to see the saponins mix with the water as suds will form. Shake until well mixed.
6. Pour out the mixture into a strainer, separating the leaf shavings from the liquid. Your soap is now ready for use!
7. Use this soap as dishwashing, laundry, or bathing soap.

Materials Needed

- Soaptree yucca root
- Sealable containers (2-3)
- Hammer
- Small strainer
- Scrub brush
- Warm water
- Small saw