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The invention relates to edible oral cleansing and sanitizing compositions and the use of these compositions for reducing plaque and calculus deposition in the mouth and improving oral cleanliness and tooth smoothness. The active ingredients include surfactants, sequestrants, and protein precipitants, each present in a specified concentration range. In a preferred embodiment, the hard candies comprise between about 0.01 % and 20 % surfactant, especially a glyceride or alkyl sulfate, 0.01 and 10 % sequestrant, especially citric acid, and 0.01 % and 10 % protein precipitant, especially tannic acid.