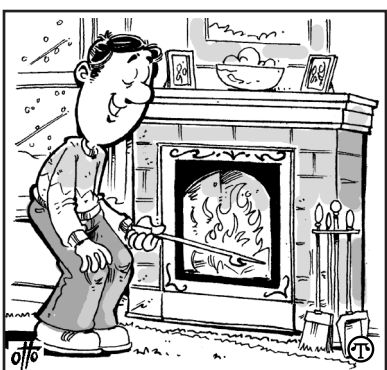


HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Fireplaces Heat Up

(NAPSA)—If you want to add some spark to a tired-looking room, take a look at your fireplace. A well maintained or spruced-up hearth can add warmth—figuratively and literally—to most any home.



Fireplaces can add comfort, warmth and style to a room.

Today, many products for the hearth—including dampers, fire tools, fire screens, the hardware on glass hearth doors, cinder buckets and log stands—keep their shine and last longer because they have undergone a process called powder coating.

Powder coating is a finishing method whereby finely ground particles of pigment and resin are electrostatically charged and sprayed onto a surface. Hearth products that have the coating are highly resistant to scratching, chipping, fading and wearing. Fireplaces, however, aren't the only things to benefit from a powder coating. Fire extinguishers are coated as well.

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