## Hair Trends

## **Five Tips For A Classic Summer Cut**

(NAPSA)—Warmer weather usually means a few things for guys— the return of baseball, grilling season and a shorter haircut. In fact, about 21 percent of males opt for a buzz cut throughout the year because of the clean, low-maintenance appeal.

"The summer cut is as classic as baseball and apple pie, serving as an annual ritual as the school year comes to an end and the sun starts to heat things up again," says Ray Nielsen, senior product manager for Wahl Clipper Corporation. "And it can be a big win for both parents and kids."

Cutting hair at home is a great time- and money saver. The average family can save several hundred dollars a year, and most people are comfortable giving a haircut at home after a few tries. If you haven't cut hair at home before, the summer cut is one of the more simple styles to achieve right out of the gate. Below are five tips to get started:

1. Get set up. Most prefer the bathroom or kitchen for haircutting, but using a clipper outside during the warmer months can be a great way to simplify cleanup.

2. Start longer and move shorter. If you aren't comfortable with the clippers, start with a longer guide comb and work down to the desired length.

3. Back to front. Start with the back of the head and work to the sides. After getting the desired length, the top can be cut accordingly.



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**4. Even it out.** Brush off the freshly cut hair with a towel. Use the unguarded hair clipper to straighten around the ears and neckline.

5. Experiment with longer styles. Despite its name, the summer cut comes in multiple lengths, from the military cut to a ½ inch or more. If the plan is to go with a tight buzz cut, try longer styles before completely buzzing off to get comfortable with the clipper for when cooler months return.

If you're looking to start buzzing, Wahl Clipper Corporation offers a variety of haircutting kits with all the items needed to get started, including guide combs, style guide and a variety of other useful items that make it easy and affordable to cut hair at home. You can get ideas, including video tutorials, at www.wahlgreat haircuts.com.