

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Go Green And Keep Green In Your Pocket

(NAPS)—You already know that cutting back makes smart economic sense, but did you know that cutting back on your cleaning costs could also be good for Mother Earth? In fact, you can save money on cleaning without making the environment pay the price. Here are some quick tips to help you “go green” when cleaning while saving “green”:

- **Make Your Own Rags for Dusting and Cleaning.** Disposable electrostatic cloths are handy, but they can quickly eat up your budget—and accumulate in landfills. Instead, convert old T-shirts, pillowcases and towels into rags that can be cleaned after each use and used multiple times for dusting and cleaning.

- **Buy a Traditional Mop.** To save money in the long term, choose a mop—such as the O-Cedar Pro Wring—instead of disposable wet cleaning pads. A traditional mop head needs to be replaced every six months versus after every use—meaning you’ll keep disposable pads out of landfills while keeping money in your pocket!

- **Invest in a Broom.** For dust and debris removal from the floor, invest in a broom instead of spending money on electrostatic dust sheets. The broom can be used over and over—saving you money and keeping the one-use sheets from accumulating in landfills. The O-Cedar Power Corner Broom and the Angler Broom also keep plastic water bottles from ending up in landfills. How?

The brooms’ bristles are made with recycled PET, the material



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found in plastic water bottles. In fact, by using recycled PET in its broom bristles, O-Cedar keeps approximately 60 million plastic water bottles annually from filling up landfills!

- **Make Your Own Cleaning Solution.** Rather than using potentially harmful cleaning chemicals, create your own concoctions. Not only does this reduce the amount of harsh chemicals you use around the house, but raiding your cupboards to create cleaning solutions can also help you save money. For example, did you know that you can make your own toilet bowl cleaner by mixing  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of baking soda with one cup of vinegar?

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