

Hints For The Home



How Clean Is The Air In Your Home?

(NAPSA)—The next time you clean your home, don't forget about the air.

Indoor air pollution is more common than you might imagine. A new study released by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) shows that household dust ranks as the top concern among U.S. households and is prompting the purchase of air cleaners.

Other top concerns that were cited are tobacco smoke and pollen. Women, in particular, cited odors as being problematic in their households.

Purchasing an air cleaner can help alleviate some of these concerns by filtering the air in your home and reducing airborne tobacco smoke, dust and pollen particles.

Common types of air cleaners use a filter to capture very fine particles. In fact, some units can filter particles that are too small to see with the naked eye.

For odor concerns, look for an air cleaner with a carbon filter to reduce odors.

An air cleaner that is the right size for your room can help reduce these common household problems. Here are some other tips to help keep your home healthy:

- Change your vacuum bag once a month and never allow it to become more than half filled.
- Avoid dust, mold and bacteria buildup by wiping down surfaces with a diluted bleach solution.
- Eliminate clutter in your home to limit the amount of surface area where dust can collect.



An air cleaner can filter out particles of air pollution that are too small to see with the naked eye.

Log on to www.cadr.org, where you can quickly calculate your room size and find which air cleaners are right for your room.

When shopping, check for units that bear the Clean Air Delivery Rate (CADR) seal. Units with this label have been tested and their performance verified by a third-party laboratory. The CADR seal helps you find a room air cleaner that is right for the room you are treating.

To measure CADR, particles of tobacco smoke, dust and pollen are injected into the test chamber at a known level. The concentration is measured before and after the air cleaner is turned on. The higher the CADR, the faster the air cleaner will clean the room.

For more information, visit www.cadr.org.