

Ingenious Ideas Dept.

Bag Those Unpleasant Food Odors

(NAPSA)—A new way to rid your home of unpleasant odors is nothing to sniff at.

From garlic and onions to greasy foods, the smells from even the most delicious dinner can linger in a house for days. In fact, according to a new survey, one-third of people believe that food or cooking odor is the most difficult household smell to eliminate.

Now, getting rid of those pesky odors can be as easy as turning on a vacuum. A line of vacuum bags and filters now comes armed with the odor-fighting power of baking soda, which removes odors caused by mold, bacteria and fungi, along with dirt and dust, to improve air quality.

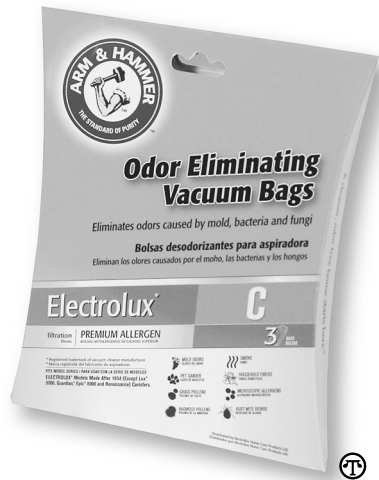
Brings Clean Air Into The Room

The premium allergen bags and filters from ARM & HAMMER are recommended by four out of five allergists to relieve or reduce allergy symptoms. They work by trapping odors and allergens and releasing clean air back into the home. The baking soda keeps air smelling fresh.

The vacuum bags eliminate both the unpleasant things in the air that you can sense, such as bad odors, and ones you can't, such as dust mites and other allergens that can aggravate asthma and allergies.

More Odor-Eliminating Tips

The new vacuum accessories are just one way to benefit from the odor neutralization power of baking soda. An open box of baking soda in the fridge can get rid of lingering food odors, and pour-



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ing baking soda down the garbage disposal is a quick fix for one of the most common causes of odor in the home. If baking soda isn't enough, bleach or vinegar can also end this problem.

If the culprits are cats, dogs or other pets, sprinkling baking soda where they sleep can work wonders to neutralize the odor. For stronger smells that are more difficult, let a pot of vinegar simmer on the stove. While the smell isn't pleasant, the vinegar neutralizes, deodorizes and removes impurities in the air, eventually leaving the home smelling fresh.

Baking soda on a clean damp sponge cleans gently inside and outside the microwave and never leaves a harsh chemical smell. Rinse well with water.

Sprinkle a handful of baking soda on the dishes or in the bottom of the dishwasher to absorb food odors lingering there. You can also use baking soda to deodorize before you run the dishwasher.

To keep plastic containers fresh, wash them with baking soda sprinkled on a clean damp sponge. For tough odors, soak the items in a solution of four tablespoons baking soda dissolved in a quart of warm water.

Keep unpleasant smells to a minimum by sprinkling baking soda in the garbage between layers as they accumulate. Periodically wash out and deodorize garbage cans with a solution of a cup of baking soda per gallon of water.

Give yourself a hand. Add two heaping tablespoons of baking soda along with your regular dish detergent to the dishwasher to help cut grease and foods left on dishes, pots and pans. For cooked-on foods, soak the pans first, then use dry baking soda on a clean damp sponge or cloth as a scratchless scouring powder.

Soak stale-smelling sponges in a strong solution of four tablespoons of baking soda dissolved in a quart of warm water.

The ARM & HAMMER vacuum accessories are sold exclusively at Wal-Mart stores and are available for most vacuum brands and models. The line includes both regular and HEPA filters for bagless vacuums. Some are also sold online at www.walmart.com.

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