

# Hints For The Home

## Wipe Out Dirt And Start Fresh

(NAPSA)—Perhaps you are moving into a new home, planning a trip in your recreational vehicle, or maybe you just think it is time for an overhaul. No matter your circumstances, it's always more pleasant to have clean and fresh surroundings.

Although it is hard to tell with the naked eye, it is likely that most surfaces, spaces or crevices are harboring dirt and germs. While giving surfaces, walls and floors a once-over with hot water and cleaning solution is a great start, it is also key to take additional precautions to keep these places neat and tidy. The following tips will help you battle some of the messiest areas:

- **Shelves.** Dirt and dust always seem to accumulate on kitchen, bathroom and linen-closet shelves, so line shelves and drawers before putting away dishes, silverware and towels. Not only does shelf liner protect against dirt, but it also prevents nicks and scratches to surfaces. Try an easy-to-use shelf liner, such as Duck brand Smooth Top Easy Liner ([www.duckproducts.com](http://www.duckproducts.com)), which is machine washable, nonadhesive and easy to install.

- **Refrigerator.** Your refrigerator can no doubt become home to many spills and messes. Line shelves and produce bins before stocking up on groceries to give yourself a head start on keeping a clean refrigerator. The Duck brand Fridge Fresh Liner is a super-absorbent liner that forms a barrier to soak up and trap messy leaks and spills, keeping surfaces clean and dry. Fridge Fresh is also handy for lining trays and coolers for tailgating parties or camping excursions.

- **Countertops.** Whether you were mixing ingredients for dinner or putting on makeup for a



### A clean home is a welcoming home.

night out, kitchen and bathroom countertops quickly become dirty and messy. It is important to keep these surfaces as clean as possible. Use a handy clean-up wipe, such as Clorox Disinfecting Wipes ([www.clorox.com](http://www.clorox.com)), to effortlessly disinfect and cleanse surfaces of dirt and grime.

- **Sinks and Tubs.** No matter how much you clean, the seal surrounding your sink, bathtub or shower can become black and stained with dirt and mildew. Give your kitchen or bathroom a clean appearance by replacing old, worn seals with a fresh line of sealant, such as Loctite Press and Seal Kitchen and Bath Sealant ([www.loctiteproducts.com](http://www.loctiteproducts.com)). This acrylic latex-based sealant is easy to use and features a patented trigger that allows for precision application with the press of a finger.

By taking precautions to prevent the spread of dirt and grime, it can be easy to maintain a fresh and clean home.