

Home Care Hints

Freshen Your Home

(NAPSA)—Preparing your home, both indoors and out, can be a key to enjoying it during every different season. Making the job a family affair can make it quick work and a promised reward, such as a family night at the movies, can promote enthusiasm. Here are some of the prime areas to target the family efforts:

Clear the Clutter. Take a look at what's accumulated over the past year. Outgrown clothes, discarded toys, and stacks of magazines are all prime targets. Throw out things that have outlived their usefulness. Gather unwanted, but usable, items and either donate them or hold a garage sale. Organize what's left.

Prepare for rough weather. Check storm gutters, weather-stripping, roofing and other areas particularly affected by weather. Inside, don't forget chimneys and heating systems. It's also a good time to change batteries in the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and charge the fire extinguisher.

Wash off the dust. The outside of the house gets just as dirty as the inside. Hose it down and wash the windows inside and out. There are few cleaning tasks that will pay off as well as sparkling clean windows that literally provide a new outlook on life. It's incredibly easy if you take a tip from the pros and use a high-quality squeegee like the Ettore Master™ Squeegee. For high places, add Ettore's poles and scrubbers that can extend the reach up to 16 feet.



Fixing up the house, if not quite good clean fun, can be a lot easier with the proper equipment.

One Room at a Time. Start at the top of each room and work down, from ceiling cobwebs to carpet and flooring. Thoroughly clean all surfaces and woodwork. This is another area where Ettore's poles and scrubbers can help reach those out-of-the-way places.

Fabrications. Whether it's upholstery, draperies, carpets or bed linens, fabrics need freshening too. More heavily soiled items may require professional cleaning and some may benefit from spot cleaning. To quickly refresh dusty drapes and bed linens, try tossing them in the dryer on the air-fluff cycle with a damp towel. Tumble for 15 minutes and replace them on the drapery rods or beds immediately.

For more information about the Ettore line of Master® squeegees, Golden Glove® scrubbers, and Reach™ extension poles, visit a hardware store or home center near you or call 1-800-4-ETTORE.