

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Sprucing Up for the Holidays

(NAPSA)—Children are back in school and an autumn chill is in the air. The leaves turning color are a reminder that the holiday season, with festive dinners and overnight visits from family and friends, is just around the corner. Here are a few tips to make the most of the new season:

Pack up summer for another year. Wash down patio furniture and summer items like pool toys. Dry thoroughly, cover and store for the winter. Sheltering these items from cold, wet weather will significantly extend their life.

Prepare your home before winterizing. Wash the home's siding and windows. You can make quick work of the windows by taking a tip from the pros and using a high-quality squeegee like the Ettore Master™ Squeegee. For cleaning siding and high windows, try Ettore's poles and scrubbers that can extend your reach up to 16 feet. Sparkling clean windows capture every precious ray of fall light and make your home feel fresh and bright.

Winterize the house. Check the storm windows, caulking, weatherstripping and roof to make sure all are in good repair. Wrap exposed pipes to keep them from freezing and clean and seal decks.

Winterize the garden. Clear the leftover debris from annual flowers and vegetables. Since conditions vary widely across the country, consult your local garden center about specific steps to take in your particular climate. Plant some tasty, cold-weather crops like greens, carrots, beets and turnips.

Seasonal housecleaning. While preparing the outside for winter, take advantage of the changing seasons to freshen up



Getting set for the season can seem simple if you have the proper equipment.

the inside with a good cleaning. Clean the curtains and carpets, and put away seasonal decorations from the summer. Brush away cobwebs from corners—this is another place where Ettore's poles and accessories can help.

Bring the changing seasons inside. Give yourself and your home a lift by decorating for the season. Arrange a centerpiece of gorgeous fall leaves and pinecones. Set out candles and potpourri in fall scents like apple-cinnamon and pumpkin. Break out the cozy, flannel sheets and cuddly quilts. And don't forget to gather some firewood in anticipation of those crisp, fall days and nights.

These few tips can help you prepare for winter and the holiday season of entertaining. To assist you in your preparations, the Ettore line of Master™ squeegees, poles and scrubbers can be found at hardware stores and home centers nationwide. If you would like a free brochure on how to clean your windows quickly and easily the Ettore way, call 1-800-4-ETTORE.