HINTS FOR HOMEMAKERS

(NAPSA)—Now that the days are getting longer and warmer, it's a perfect time to clean and freshen up after months of cold and dreary winter days. Spring cleaning can take on many forms. It's not only getting out cleaning supplies and washing the house from floor to ceiling, it is also a wonderful time to rejuvenate your home by adding new décor and throwing out your old and worn household items. By ridding your home of unnecessary clutter you'll feel less stressful and more at ease.

Here are some things that you can do:

• Take inventory of your cleaning supplies. Make sure that you have cloths, buckets, mops, sponges and cleaning agents for each of your surfaces. Designate spring as a time to purchase new cleaning supplies and throw away old ones.

• Clean out your cupboards. Crumbs, dust, dirt and grime collect in cupboards over time. Empty the contents of your cupboards and clean the shelves in the spring. As you are taking items out, be sure to check labels for items that have expired and throw these items away. Before placing the items back in the cupboards, think ahead by placing shelf-liner in them. Not only does shelf-liner look good, it makes cleaning your cupboards easier. Duck brand Solid Easy Liner, for example, has a smooth texture that makes it easy to wipe off crumbs and dust with a cloth. It is also machine-washable.

• **Replace your doormats.** Doormats can become very soiled and worn from constant traffic. While spring cleaning, take some time to replace your doormats. This is a good opportunity to choose a new color or design. Spring is also a great time to have curtains, area rugs and large carpeted areas professionally cleaned.

• Scrub your bathroom. The bathroom is an area that needs



constant care and spring is a perfect time to give it special attention. Scrub the mildew around your bathtub and sink. Re-caulk areas that are peeling away around the bathtub. sink and toilet and fill any cracks or holes in the floors or walls. After scrubbing and re-caulking, add some color to your sparkling bathroom with a new shower curtain, liner, bath mats and tub treads. Try a colorful machine washable option like Duck brand bath mats and/or fishshaped tub treads to add a new dimension to your freshly cleaned tub.

• Freshen up your drawers. Empty out your dresser drawers and evaluate your clothes. Make sure that you are keeping only what you still wear. Put your winter clothes in storage and make room for your spring and summer wardrobe.

• Wash your windows. Use a window cleaner and soft cloth to clean the inside window panes. Avoid streaks by washing the windows without direct sunlight on them.

Taking the time to spring clean will benefit your home as well as yourself and your family. It's a great time to cleanse your home and your spirit.

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