

Easy Ways To Get Your Home Ready For The Summer Season

(NAPSA)—Soon the weather will be warm enough for patio parties, barbecues and all the annual rituals associated with summer. Getting your house in tip-top shape can offer more rewards than just sparkling silverware. Summer spruce-ups done right can translate into more time to read novels, saunter in the sand and play with the kids.

Follow these simple suggestions, and you'll be well on your way to household cleanliness, leaving plenty of time to sit back and enjoy the beauty of summer—and your home!

Protect Your Wardrobe

It's time to pull linen pants and khaki shorts from the back of your closet! You can wear all white to the neighbor's party or your bright colors outdoors without worrying about spots and stains. Try the newly reformulated Scotchgard protector for fabric and upholstery in the red can, which now works on your most delicate clothing items, like dry-clean-only and silk items.

Have A Summer Spree With Organization

Make order and organization, not just cleanliness, a goal of cleaning. Tackle the insides of your closet and cabinets. Lay down fresh liners, add additional shelves to maximize space and hang cedar blocks to help fight musty odors. Focus on one closet at a time so you don't feel overwhelmed and can see through to long-term organizational success.

Bring Summer Indoors

Lighten up the inside of your kitchen and bathrooms with the look of summer, and decorate with cleaning materials that have nothing to hide. The O-Cel-O sponge scrubber with fun designs comes in vibrant colors and festive patterns from hot peppers and mixed drinks to citrus, leaves and daisies! Lift your spirits and brighten your kitchen with these patterned sponges that remind you of the joys of summer.



Preparing for the warm weather is even easier with Scotchgard protector for fabric and upholstery in the red can. The new formula works on dry-clean-only fabrics and silk, so you won't have to worry about wearing your favorite items to backyard parties and picnics.

Get The Grill Gleaming

Before firing up the grill for this year's barbecue, be sure to scrub away last year's messy memories. If the rack is heavily coated with burnt food, cover it in a piece of aluminum foil with the dull side out, and heat over the grill for about ten minutes. Using caution not to touch the hot grill, unwrap the rack and the burnt food should fall off, readying your grill for the next barbecue.

Take It Outside

With outdoor entertaining and eating a step away, use a hose or buckets of water to rinse collected surface dirt off your chaise lounges, patio furniture, and deck chairs. Then apply Scotchgard heavy-duty water repellent in the green can. It repels against rain and moisture and is ideal for anything that will be exposed to wet conditions, including outerwear and outdoor gear.

Reap the rewards of getting a head start on summer cleaning by following these simple guidelines. You'll be left with more time to relish the pleasures of the season and the activities you enjoy!