



Cleaning Tips For Sparkling, Streak-Free Windows

(NAPSA)—It doesn't have to be a chore to have clean, sparkling windows. Here are a few time-saving tips that'll brighten your home:

Replace your dirty air filter: Manufacturers suggest replacing your heating and cooling system's air filter every one to three months. That'll help reduce the amount of dust and pollen in your house.



Choose the right window cleaner: Some window cleaners perform better than others. The Good Housekeeping Research Institute recently tested 17 cleaners and reported that the JAWS Glass & Hard Surface Cleaner (Jawscleans.com) was the only one to leave the surface completely streak-free. "In fact, unlike other higher-priced window cleaners, you can use this non-toxic, non-ammonia cleaner in direct sunlight and still avoid streaks," said JAWS International CEO Bruce Yacko.

Squeegee, paper towel or microfiber cloth? Squeegees do a great job on large windows. Paper towels leave lint on the glass. One option: Microfiber cloths tend to trap more dirt and aren't abrasive. They cost less than \$1 each and can be washed hundreds of times.

Other time-saving tips:

- Vacuum or use a small brush to sweep the dirt and dust from the windowsill, frame and tracks.
- Work from top to bottom.
- Mist the window with the cleaner and use your microfiber or lint-free cloth to wipe horizontally. Be sure to flip the cloth to dry the window. Or use two cloths—one to wipe and one to dry.

Most experts recommend that you clean your windows at least twice a year—because letting the sunshine in can make living in your house more enjoyable.