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## Crossing Off Projects From The To-Do List

(NAPSA)—According to a recent national survey, procrastination in America may be reaching epidemic proportions.

Findings from an Ace Hardware survey revealed 95 percent of Americans admit to being procrastinators when it comes to everyday household projects.

The “Procrastinators Poll” also showed nearly half (49 percent) of the self-proclaimed procrastinators avoid everyday projects that would take less than two hours to complete—projects like installing a new showerhead or mounting a smoke detector.

In fact, the average procrastinator has at least three of these projects on their to-do list.

Nearly half of those surveyed said they did not have enough time to get the jobs done.

“We can’t give everyone two more hours in the day,” says Bill Moore, director of marketing and advertising at Ace Hardware Corporation. “But we can make people’s lives easier by giving them the advice and products to get those lingering household projects done and reduce their ever-growing to-do lists.”

So what are procrastinators doing with their time? More than 40 percent of procrastinators surveyed said they put off doing home improvement projects by watching television.

To get procrastinators off their



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couches, Ace offers a “Remote Remedy.” During the month of March, anyone who mails their television remote control to Ace for one month will receive a \$25 Ace Universal Gift Certificate. After April 23, when entrants have been weaned off the remote, the remotes will be returned.

Shoppers may send in their remote control and a typed 8 x 6-inch card or just the card with their name, address, city, state and phone number, postmarked by March 31 and received by April 7. Entry forms and rules are also available online at [www.AceHardware.com](http://www.AceHardware.com). Send the remote to Ace’s Hardware Remote Remedy, 676 North St. Clair, 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611.