



Top Ten Spring Cleaning Tips Ⓟ

(NAPSA)—Taking time to smell the tulips certainly sounds nicer than scrubbing bathtub grout, not to mention giving up an entire Saturday for spring-cleaning. Eliminating lurking dust bunnies, hidden grime, and cluttered closets from seasons past can take hours, but associates of Wal-Mart Stores have a few tricks up their sleeves that can translate into timesaving shortcuts this spring—and next.

Wal-Mart Stores, the No.1 discount retailer known for convenience and value, polled its associates nationwide for their top 10 convenient and inexpensive tips.

1. To ensure you don't miss anything, clean rooms from top to bottom, and left to right. Begin cleaning rooms that you use the least, by the time you get to the dirtiest rooms, half the house will already be done.

2. Dust the tiny nooks and crannies of your home with a small or medium paintbrush. It also works well on baseboards and mini-blinds.

3. Place an old damp sock on a broom handle to remove hard-to-reach cobwebs in minutes. When finished, throw the sock in the washer or garbage.

4. Vinegar is an effective, inexpensive all-around cleaner. Use it on mirrors, floors, or mix with baking soda to keep drains clear. A glass of vinegar or ammo-

nia placed in a musty room, sealed for 24 hours, will eliminate most odors.

5. Coffee filters are great for cleaning windows, are less expensive than paper towels and can be rinsed and reused. Wipe windows vertically outside and horizontally inside, if streaks appear you'll know what side the streaks are on.

6. Spray countertops with a solution of two-parts water and one-part bleach, let sit for a few minutes, and then wipe away excess. Countertops will shine and will be disinfected.

7. For freezer and refrigerator odor, apply vanilla to a damp paper towel to wipe shelves clean. Every time you open the doors, you'll smell a hint of vanilla.

8. Store winter blankets and comforters in plastic garbage containers with wheels. They can be stored in the garage or basement, protect contents from feisty pests and are easily transportable.

9. When cleaning out the closet, put last season's clothing and shoes in labeled, clear containers. Stacking these containers adds closet space and organization.

10. Clean silk flowers by placing them in a garbage bag with $\frac{1}{2}$ to one cup of salt and shake gently. Remove the arrangement and brush away any remaining salt. This trick also works on swags, centerpieces, and wreaths.