

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Cleaning Tips

(NAPSA)—Cleaning up after a party, entertaining guests or simply eating dinner with the family doesn't have to be a chore. Try these simple tips:

- Clean efficiently. Finish one room before moving on to the next. Work left to right and top to bottom to avoid repetition and to keep from spreading dust.



**Cleaning a room from left to right can help keep you from spreading dust and dirt.**

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- Use certified professionals. When a cleaning service comes to your home, you deserve the highest caliber of professionalism. It is a good idea to use certified professionals for carpet, rug, hard surface or upholstery cleaning.

- Do research. Before hiring professionals, confirm their licensing, insurance and certification in the type of service to be performed. Also, get an estimate and receive a written contract or invoice confirming the total amount and any guarantees.

The above tips are from experts at the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC). To locate IICRC-Certified Firms in the area, visit [www.certifiedcleaners.org](http://www.certifiedcleaners.org) or call 1-800-835-4624.