



Home Matters

Spring Cleaning Tips for Your Home

As the weather warms up and the days grow longer, it's the perfect time to start your annual spring cleaning. Keeping your home clean can have many benefits, including reduced risk of a household accident and improved moods among its occupants.

To get started, consider these steps:

- **Clear gutters**—With spring showers and summer storms on the horizon, make sure rainwater can properly drain from your home.
- **Focus on floors**—After bringing in road salt, snow and ice all winter, your carpets and hard-surfaced floors may need refreshment.

- **Seal cracks**—Check for holes, cracks or broken caulk around doors and windows. This may help keep your home at its desired temperature and reduce heating or electric bills.
- **Keep air clean**—Your air conditioning and fans may not have gotten much use lately. Dust and change filters before using these devices.
- **Kitchen cleanup**—As insects and other pests become more active in the spring, thoroughly clean your kitchen and other areas where food is stored.

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Celebrate Window Safety Week

During the first full week of April, the National Safety Council (NSC) and the Window Safety Task Force organize Window Safety Week.

Recognize Window Safety Week by considering these steps:

- Keep furniture away from windows to avoid impeding an emergency exit or enticing children to climb near them.
- Establish play areas for children and pets near the centers of rooms.
- Close and lock windows when not being used for ventilation.
- Repair or replace damaged screens to keep insects and other pests out.
- Install devices to limit how far windows will open.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Window Safety Week.

