

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Clean Floors And Keep Kids And Pets Safe

(NAPSA)—Even though most homes get a lot of foot traffic, many homeowners don't like the idea of cleaning their carpets with strong chemical solutions that can leave a harsh residue.

Fortunately, cleaners are now available that offer kinder alternatives. New soap-free cleaners are effective, yet contain no harmful chemicals and are completely safe for children, pets and the environment.

Fast and easy to use, these unique cleaners are rinse-free and quick-drying, leaving behind no soapy residue to attract stains or soil. They do leave behind a fresh, clean scent, unlike many other cleaners that leave a room smelling of chemicals.

"Since so much activity in the home takes place on the floor, many homeowners are concerned about the harsh residues typical cleaners leave behind," said Brian Warren, president of FloorCare Concepts, which manufactures Mohawk FloorCare Essentials.

FloorCare Essentials provide a safe alternative for periodic cleaning or emergency spills. Good for both wet and dry spills, these products can also be used on other surfaces like countertops, upholstery, drapes, tile and grout. All that's needed is a cleaning cloth.

These products, sold at Wal-Mart and over 5,000 retail flooring stores around the country, come in spray bottles and one-gallon concentrates for steam-cleaning machines.

A range of products and accessories are also available, including microfiber cloths and odor eliminators that support the cleaning and preservation process of all types of flooring and carpeting.



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Tips for Maintaining Hard and Soft Surfaces

Carpet:

- Use mats or runners at all home entrances and on uncarpeted areas adjacent to carpet to reduce soil and moisture in traffic areas.
- Use furniture coasters to distribute the weight of heavy items.
- Close drapes or blinds during hours of direct sunlight to extend the beauty of your carpeting.

Hard surface:

- Sweep floors regularly.
- Use protective mats at all exterior entrances.
- Never over-wet your wood floors. Water can cause damage to wood flooring.
- Never use oil soaps, wax, wax liquids or other household products to clean your floor.

For more information about Mohawk FloorCare Essentials, visit www.mohawkflooring.com or call 1-800-2MOHAWK.