



# INTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Making Spring Cleaning Less Messy

(NAPSA)—Americans spend weeks each year performing what is often the dreaded task of spring-cleaning. Unfortunately, for many, that can mean days spent indoors instead of out enjoying the spring weather.

To help cut down on spring-cleaning time, try spending a few hours organizing your home this winter.

According to home improvement specialists at Skil Power Tools, Americans tend to be focused on spending time with family during the winter and home improvement projects can be a great way to spend time together (and cut spring-cleaning time virtually in half).

“With two young children, my wife and I found we were wasting too much time searching for items we had misplaced and not enough time doing the things we enjoy,” says Steve Winter, a firefighter from Renton, WA, and a member of the Skil Consumer Council.

“The kitchen was the main area of clutter. Everything we owned seemed to be jammed into every nook and cranny of the drawers and cabinets. To get anything out of the back of a cupboard, we had to unload half of the contents at the front,” says Winter.

Winter is one of the six Do-It-Yourselfers in North America chosen to serve on the Skil Consumer Council. The Council uses the company’s tools for home improvement projects and provides feedback on their experiences.

Winter constructed and installed pull-out shelves to make better use of the deep recesses of his cupboards. Before beginning, he analyzed his cabinets and drawers and researched project options. After he



**Organizing your home in the winter may help you save cleaning time in the spring.**

had an idea of how to solve his clutter problems, Winter developed a project plan, decided on the supplies he would need and set an estimated budget of \$250.

“The project required a lot of precise cutting to make each drawer move smoothly in the assigned drawer glide,” says Winter. “To achieve this precision, I worked with the Skil table saw and Skil jigsaw. They offered features I needed to build the sides and bottoms of the drawers.”

Winter spent about 18 hours on a project that may save him countless hours of aggravated searching throughout the year.

To view Winter’s and the other Skil Council members’ before and after photos, visit [www.skil.com](http://www.skil.com). The site was built with DIYers in mind and offers animated, step-by-step directions for home improvement projects.