

THE CLEANING SEASON

Spring Is A Great Time To Tackle Your Clutter

(NAPSA)—Now is a great time to spring into “spring cleaning.” It’s the time of the year for that intense cleaning people think about but don’t always do! It’s also a natural time to sort through winter clothing and eliminate the excess that you’ve accumulated.

“This is the time to encourage people to tackle their clutter and bring order back into their homes,” says Susan Follick, communications marketing director, ClosetMaid.

“Spring is a good time to get rid of the clutter in every room of the house—closets, bedrooms, garage, basements and kitchens—eliminate what you don’t need, organize what you keep, and make room for your spring and summer clothes and items.”

Clothing that doesn’t fit, clothing you don’t wear or worn out items should be sorted as well as other items that are “stored” in closets. Gently worn clothes and other treasures can be given to a “new home” or easily donated to a charitable organization or thrift shop. Unusable items (torn, stained, not repairable) should be tossed in the trash.

To help you get started in changing the clothes and other stored items in your closets from cold to warm weather, here are three tips:

1. Move sweaters, holiday ties and other heavy, cold-weather clothes to a spare closet, to an under-the-bed container, or pack properly and store in the attic. Consider ClosetMaid’s black Under Bed Zip Up Organizer, with a suggested retail price of \$7.99.



If you’re up for a closet makeover, consider a system that’s fully adjustable and can change with your needs.

2. Move winter season shoes and boots to a separate storage area, possibly adding a Stack and Expand Shoe Rack, or a two-tier shoe rack to accommodate them.

3. If you’re up for a closet makeover, consider replacing your current system with a new fully adjustable 8-in-1 ClosetMaid ShelfTrack Organizer, that retails for under \$200. The kit for an 8-ft. closet provides 11 feet of hanging space and 20 feet of shelf space. Shelves can be moved, and sliding baskets and stacking baskets can be added to “accessorize” the closet.

To get more organizing ideas to give your home a sense of order, download the Consumer Product & Services Guide or to enter ClosetMaid’s quarterly \$500 Closet Giveaway sweepstakes, visit ClosetMaid’s Web site, www.closetmaid.com or call 1-800-874-0008.