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# Office Management

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## The Dirt On Getting A Cleaner Office

(NAPSA)—Safe computing is about more than just protecting against break-ins and viruses. You also have to protect your computer against bacteria.

With today's hectic workloads and longer work hours, you're probably spending more time than ever at your desk. Keeping it clean, along with the desktop accessories that cover it—particularly the computer—is often not a top priority. In fact, a recent survey revealed that 75 percent of U.S. adult computer users do not clean either their computer keyboard or computer accessories, such as a mouse or mouse pad, on a weekly basis. Dirty desktops, including unclean computers, could lead to ideal conditions for damaging microbes, such as bacteria, to grow and reproduce. Even more startling, under the right conditions, some microbes can duplicate every 20 minutes or less on an inviting surface.

That's why there's now a line of antimicrobial computer accessories featuring keyboards, mice and mouse pads with Microban product protection. This antimicrobial technology provides an added level of cleanliness by inhibiting the uncontrolled growth of damaging microbes, such as bacteria, that can cause stains, odors and product deterioration. It works continuously so that when microorganisms come in contact



**Added cleanliness right at your fingertips.**

with the surface of a mouse, keyboard or mouse pad with Microban protection, the technology penetrates the cell wall of the microorganism, disrupting key cell functions and making the microbes unable to function, grow or reproduce.

Cleaning and disinfecting desktops can reduce and may even temporarily rid ordinary untreated surfaces of microbes. However, the effect is short lived and does not prevent remaining or redeposited bacteria from reproducing on the surface over short periods of time.

Created by Fellowes, the new assortment of input devices with Microban antimicrobial product protection includes basic, cordless and ergonomic keyboards, an optical mouse, a cordless mouse and a selection of mouse pads.

For more information, visit [www.fellowes.com](http://www.fellowes.com).