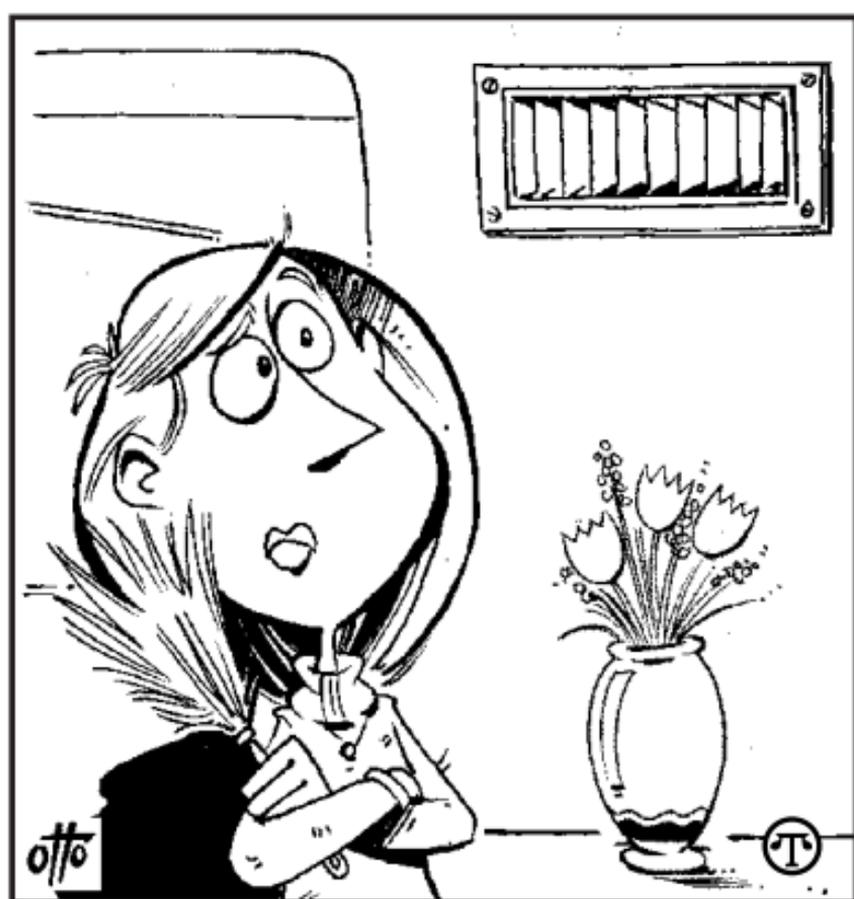


THE HOME FRONT

Time To Clean Those Ducts

(NAPSA)—A breath of fresh air—that's one of the benefits of giving your home a thorough seasonal cleaning. Most homeowners know about washing windows and raking up the yard. However, some important clean-up jobs, such as cleaning air ducts and ventilation systems, may be over-



looked. Air ducts and ventilation systems accumulate fine dust particles, pet hair or even tobacco smoke residue, possibly promoting mold growth and bacteria colonies.

To see if your heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system should be cleaned, use a screwdriver to remove the register from the floor or wall vent—and check out the contents.

If you see accumulated dust, mold or mildew, it may be time to call a professional HVAC system cleaning contractor. Make sure the company is a certified member of the National Air Duct Cleaners Association (NADCA), an organization that tests the knowledge of contractors for safe and effective HVAC cleaning. For more information, contact NADCA at 202-737-2926 or visit www.nadca.com.