

# Hints For Homemakers

## Tips For Getting Your Man To Lend A Hand

(NAPSA)—When divvying up housecleaning chores—from washing dishes to tackling dirty stairs—many women feel as if they get the short end of the broom. It seems especially unfair when it comes to vacuuming.

According to a recent survey conducted by Eureka, 48 percent of women feel as if they handle household vacuuming on a regular basis, a chore that could be easily accomplished by their male counterparts.

In the past, chores like vacuuming were included in the long list of to-do's for women, and many feel they are still not seen as “manly” or “masculine” duties. Fortunately, new options in cleaning accessories offer enough gadgets to keep men intrigued and even excited about lending a hand.

To help get men involved with cleaning, try one of the following tips:

**Arm Him with a Gadget He Can't Resist.** While a vacuum cleaner isn't a 50-inch plasma TV or MP3 player, it can have enough bells and whistles to inspire a man to take it for a whirl once in a while. A vacuum is an advanced cleaning tool that has great gadgets for men to experiment with.

For the latest in “manly” vacuum options, try the new Eureka Capture+, a complete cleaner with an array of on-board tools that are sure to entice. Capture+



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makes it easy to capture dirt others don't on more surfaces with Eureka's acclaimed Telescopic Self-Cleaning Duster. It's the industry's only high-tech duster that can reach three feet to attract dust like a magnet, making it perfect for ceiling fans, high crevices and lampshades.

The Power Paw with Riser Visor, a unique brush attachment designed to tackle stairs, uphol-

stery and stubborn pet hair, will allow him to clean vertically or horizontally with ease. EZ Roll rollerblade wheels glide smoothly across surfaces and won't scratch or nick bare floors.

**Make it a Cleaning Date.** No one ever said that cleaning together had to be a bore. Put on some of your favorite music and move around the house to a beat you both enjoy.

This will help you stay focused and motivated so you can quickly tackle chores and get back to enjoying each other. Be creative and surprise one another with fun songs that make you smile. He won't even know he is cleaning.

**Alternate to Keep it New.** Change can be a good thing. Just because he loves the new vacuum you purchased doesn't mean you still can't have fun with it, too. To accommodate his attention span, create a schedule that alternates duties around the house so you both experience loading the dishwasher and cleaning the toilet. If he begs to take over the vacuuming, go ahead and let him.

Capture+ is available in Summer Glow. Capture comes in a variety of colors, including Radiant Red, Copper Sunrise and Limelight Green.

To learn more about how you can equalize the household to-do list, visit [www.eureka.com](http://www.eureka.com).