

# HOME APPEAL



## Spring Cleaning

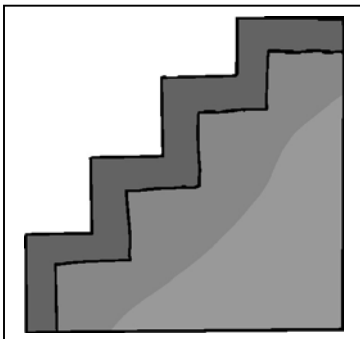
Here are a few helpful hints to assist you in your spring cleaning endeavors.

- Donate all unwanted items to a local charity, nursery school or senior center.
- Never store paper in attics, basements or garages; it will attract pets and vermin into your house and be a fire hazard. Recycle all paper materials.
- When children or pets are part of the household, lock up all cleaners (non-toxic cleaners also).
- Save time on cleaning by keeping a second supply of cleaners upstairs and down.
- Always leave a sponge under the bathroom and kitchen sink so family members can wipe up the area after each use.

## SQUEAKY STAIRS

There are three parts to the stair, the tread, riser and stringer.

The most common squeaks are from the tread rubbing either the riser or the stringer. To stop the squeak located on the front of the loud stair, screw a pair of flooring nails (screw shanks) angled in a V across the tread and top of the riser. You can also use graphite powder or talcum to lubricate a small squeak.



For larger problems drive wedges into gaps or try bracing joints with one-by-two blocks of wood .

## Mosquitoes

With all the good warm weather, families are spending more time outside. To protect you and your home from dangerous and pesky mosquitoes, just take a few precautions.

Mosquitoes lay eggs in stagnant water. Clear all debris and leaves out of gutters and remove any standing water from around your home. Install or repair screens on all windows. When outdoors, protect yourself with repellants and citronella lamps around the yard or patio. Garlic can also ward off mosquitoes, but also other people as well.



## Garbage Disposal

When the disposal jams and the blades do not spin, turn off the unit and using tongs remove any food or debris. If it still does not turn on, (on newer models) use an Allen wrench on the bottom turning back and forth a few times. (On older models) gently insert a broom handle and lever it against the side of the drain to move the blades back and forth.