

Clean machines make that yearly ritual a spring breeze

From an all-in-one recycling station to a vacuum that will make you feel like a kid again, these handy gadgets make that yearly ritual a spring breeze

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In the old days — and it wasn't too long ago, you whippersnapper — spring cleaning consisted of sweeping dust bunnies from under the bed with a straw broom and wiping grime off the outside windows (the ones we could reach anyway) with our Windex and dish towel.

Times have changed, as times are wont to do, and [house cleaning](#) these days involves high-tech recycling systems, germ-blasting lights and rooftop robots. Here are several high-tech gadgets that got us ready to spring into cleaning.

It does windows

We're not sure how they do it, but birds manage to get their droppings on the outsides of the second-story windows, defying gravity and logic. There it is, and we're looking at the back yard through the spotty mess all winter. Which is why we can't wait to break out the Euroblaster High-Powered Cleaner. It's an attachment to the garden hose that not only brings five levels of power to the spray — thereby reaching that second-floor window — but also has a compartment for detergent and waxes. Use it on the car, siding and sidewalks, too.

Details: \$13.99 at www.csnstores.com

Soap's on!

It's been proven to be effective by no less than the German government, so you know it's going to work (Germans have a very high standard for sanitation; try marrying one). The Frieling Smelkiller Zilo-Soap isn't soap at all but a plastic soap-shaped rectangle with nubs and a brush with a stainless-steel disc in the center. The grooves in the disc pull odors from the air and your skin and neutralizes them. No electricity, no chemicals and no bubbles.

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