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How To Clean Tricky Areas In Your Home

(NC) Some nooks and crannies in the home can confound even the most fastidious housekeepers. Fortunately, a little elbow grease, the right tools and some simple techniques can go a long way toward an exceptionally clean home.

Get rid of gunk. When showering or using the bathroom sink becomes an unpleasant experience, it's time to de-grime. Remove limescale and other gunk with DIY techniques and an ingredient already stocked in many homes — white vinegar. Soak shower tracks and the tub in vinegar for 30 minutes and wipe clean. Similarly, a rub with vinegar-soaked cotton balls on faucets, handles and other areas will leave the bathroom shining without any damage from abrasive scrubbing.

Conquer crevices. The many hard-to-reach areas of your

home such as baseboards, vents, around appliances and under furniture might be neglected even when doing a thorough clean. Fortunately, Beam Central Vacuums feature lightweight hoses and ergonomic crevice and multi-tools that make it easy to maneuver and tackle even the most aggravating areas for an ultimate clean.

Freshen the fridge. The refrigerator needs a good cleaning every few months. Decrease the stress on its motor by pulling it from the wall, mopping the floor and vacuuming the coils in the back. Inside, soapy water will keep the shelves sparkling, while a damp cloth will remove smudges on the outside.

Denounce your dirty oven. You need to use some elbow grease to get rid of the actual grease. Remove hood vents, racks and burners, soak in soapy water



and rinse twice per year. Wipe down the doors and crevices thoroughly before replacing the racks, then blast away any remaining grit by running the oven's self-cleaning option.

Learn more about cleaning tricky areas of your home at www.buybeam.ca.

Keep Your Home Cool All Summer Long

(NC) No matter how much we enjoy spending time outdoors during our short summers, we always want our homes to be comfortable spaces for living. But even with an air conditioner, this can be tricky during the hottest days of the year.

Use these tips from Health Canada to create a more pleasant indoor environment for your family and guests:

Simplify your cooking. When the weather is gorgeous out, who wants to be in the kitchen making big, time-consuming meals? Keep temperatures down by preparing meals that don't need to be cooked in the oven.

Do It Yourself shade. If you live in a house, plant trees on the side where the sun hits the house



during the hottest part of the day. Tree-shaded spots can be as much as 5°C cooler than the surrounding area.

Work with your windows. Paying attention to what's going on outside can make a big difference if you adjust your windows and coverings accordingly. Block the sun by closing awnings, curtains or blinds during the day. Harness the evening breeze by opening your windows at night, if it is safe, to let cooler air into your

home.

Fine tune your air conditioning. If you have an air conditioner, make sure it works properly before the hot weather starts. Otherwise, find an air-conditioned spot close by where you can cool off for a few hours during very hot days. This will help you cope with the heat better.

Stay informed about local weather forecasts and alerts so you know when to take extra care.

Year-Round Barbecue Solution

(NC) Don't let unpredictable weather ruin your patio party. These smart cooking tips will help you create delicious summer flavours indoors.

Invest in a cast iron frying pan. It's a simple purchase that lasts years and greatly improves your cooking. This pan is a must-have item for meat lovers. It turns your stovetop into the indoor grill you never knew you needed. Cast-iron pans have ridges that help fat drip off and leave your steaks with perfect grill marks that mimic the barbecue.

King of the broil. For a quick and easy char, consider using the broiler in your stove. You can throw your grilled steaks right into the oven with your cast-iron pan for a finishing touch. With the heating element located at the back of the oven, the LG ProBake reaches broiling temperature faster than other ovens and delivers precise heat that helps you cook perfectly every time.

Faking the flavour. If you're missing the flavours of the barbecue, pick up some smoky ingredients like sauces or dry rubs to ramp up the taste of your favourite meal.

Find more information at www.lg.ca.

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