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Disposable Cleaning Cloths Make Cleaning A Breeze

Keeping our homes clean has gotten easier in the last few years thanks to the variety of wipes that are available.

Disinfecting or antibacterial wipes are great for quick clean ups and wipe downs, particularly in kitchens and bathrooms. They are simpler to use than spray cleaners and are a convenient way to quickly clean common-touch surfaces, such as refrigerator and faucet handles, light switch covers, door handles and telephone receivers. In offices they are effective for areas such as water fountain handles, microwave door handles and computer keyboards. They can also be used to disinfect counter tops. They are handy for killing bacteria when someone in the household has a cold. They don't usually work on viruses, but are designed to kill bacteria. They come in a variety of innovative fabrics, from dual-textured cloths to rinse able, shop-size towels. You aren't as likely to ruin clothes when using the wipes as you are with disinfecting sprays that can splash on clothes and leave bleached out spots.

Dusting cloths/mits are dry, disposable cloths that use electrostatic action to attract dust, dirt, hair and other common allergens without leaving any residue. You throw away the grime with the dust mits or cloths. One place they work especially well is on television screens, they attract a lot of dust. They eliminate the need for separate dusting products and dusting cloths. Many consumers perceive wipes to be more efficient, hygienic and time-saving than vacuuming or traditional dusting methods. For those who prefer the cloth-and-polish method, wipes are available with new fragrances and cleansing conditioners that enhance product performance.

There are also pre-moistened towels with solution for cleaning glass. Be sure to store them in a sealable plastic bag so they don't dry out.

There has been a trend toward floor coverings other than carpeting recently. The old fashioned dust mops that just moved the dust around and mopping the floor with a bucket of water isn't really necessary anymore. Easy clean up comes courtesy of electrostatic wipes. These dry, disposable cloths attract soil without leaving any residue. When more than a dry dusting is required, premoistened cleaning cloths offer a rinse-free way to remove dirt from the floors. Special mops use moist, disposable electrostatic cloths that contain a cleaning solution. The solution dissolves soil, while the disposable pad absorbs the solution. Wet floor wipes clean vinyl, ceramic tile, laminate, linoleum, and finished wood floors. You just throw the pad away and the dirt goes with the pad. If you are purchasing the pre-moistened pads, storing them in a

zip seal plastic bag helps keep them from drying out.

The new flushable bathroom wipes are great for cleaning toilet rims, tanks, faucets, sinks, and basins. When finished, you can flush them in the toilet because they are designed to disperse in water when agitated, like toilet paper, so they're safe for plumbing and septic tanks. The newest products are flush away "brushes" for cleaning the tank itself.

With all the new products on the market it is important to read and follow the directions on all cleaning products. Make sure you are using the right one for the job. It's easy to get them mixed up. If you purchase them, use them. If they just sit with your cleaning supplies and aren't used you have wasted money on them. If you have cleaning products that pre-dated the cloths, try to use them up so they don't just take up space on the shelf. It may be a good idea to use them up before you buy the new wipes.